

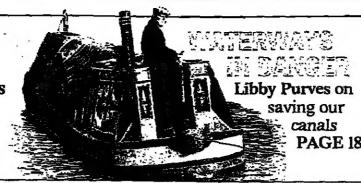
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Lords set dilemma for ministers

64-vote defeat for Howard's bugging plan

By James Landale, Frances Gibb and Stewart Tendlei

THE Government last night suffered a major defeat in the House of Lords when peers overturned a key part of the Police Bill.

Labour and Liberal Democrats united to ensure that the police must seek the authorisation of a judge before enter-ing and bugging homes, except in emergencies. The Government had

claimed that a system of commissioners to review all bugging decisions would provide "rigorous accountabity" but an alliance of senior judges and lawyers persuaded peers that it was an essential civil liberty that police should

get prior authorisation before invading private property.

The Lords voted by 209 to 145, a majority of 64, for a Labour ammendment which will ensure that no intrusive electronic surveillance can take place unless it has been approved by a padge, known as a commissioner. This was one of the largest defeats for -

Ministers will consider today how to respond. Senior Tories believe they will have to accept the principle of "prior authorisation" as any attempt to overturn it in the Commons would be traught with difficulnes given the Government's lack of a majority. Ministers will be anxious to avoid handing the Opposition parties an issue on which they could precipitate a confidence

motion. Yesterday's vote would mean that in emergencies the surveillance could take place without prior authorisation but a commissioner must approve it as soon as reasonably practicable. In a second Government defeat, a Liberal Democrat amendment providing for the prior authorisation to be given by a circuit judge, rather than a judicial commissioner, was carried by 158

Labour had initially supported the Government's Bill but changed its mind after criticism from the judiciary and civil liberties groups.

votes to 137.

The Government received almost no support from the floor of the Lords. Lord Callaghan, Lord Carr of Hadley and Lord Jenkins of Hillhead all former Home Secretaries ined up against the Bill. Lord Lloyd, a senior Law Lord, warned that it risked being struck down by the European Court of Human Rights.

Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, was also criticised by a former Tory Solicitor General, Lord Rawlinson of Ewell. Lord Walton



General Medical Council, said that lives would be put at risk if police had sanction to bug

Only two Peers defended Mr Howard, one of them Lord Marsh, the former Labour

Baroness Blatch, the Home Office Minister in the Lords, argued that Labour's amendment would hinder the police's ability to combat serious crime. The freedom of the individual must be weighed against the protection of people whose freedoms are denied but he activities of organised criminials."

But Lord Williams of Mostyn, a Labour spokesman, said: "If this Bill passes, we move one step closer to a totalitarian system."

Last night the Law Society was jubilant -Tony Girling. president, said that the society had been "seriously concerned" that the Bill did not contain sufficient safeguards to balance privacy with the

need to detect crime. . Sir Jim Sharples, Chief Constable of Merseyside and the leader of the police campaign for the legislation, refused to back down on the key question of authorisation. He said that the police had asked for breakins and buggings to be legitimised to bring the operations into the open. Giving the nower to launch the operations to an outside power would reduce effectiveness. Too much time would be lost in finding a commissioner.

The Lords' debate, page 11



Hillary and Chelsea Clinton, above, and Al Gore's daughter Kristin, await the swearing in of President Clinton, below

Clinton's hopes for the US

IN WASHINGTON

BILL CLINTON yesterday became the fifteenth President in history, and the first Democrat since Franklin Roosevelt sixty years ago, to be sworn in a second time as President of the United States.

In a passionate speech, he called for Americans to reconcile their racial and political divisions, and to have faith that government can improve their lives without overreaching itself. "We must succeed as one America," he declared. Standing in front of the American flags, he pro-nounced the 20th century "the American century", when the US "became the world's mightiest industrial power, saved the world from tyranny in two world wars and a long Cold War, and time and again, reached across the lobe to millions who longed

for the blessings of liberty". in a welding of both liberal and conservative philosophies, he argued that "government is not the problem; government is not the solution. We, the people, are the solution," he said. In a theme

campaign trail, and a clear departure from traditional Democratic rhetoric he stressed the need for personal responsibility: "The pre-eminent mission of our new Government is to give all Americans an opportunity not a guarantee — but a real opportunity to build better lives.". Throughout the speech, he invoked the "forces of the information age" which he hoped would spread the benefits of education across society.

Racial harmony, page 14

Children turned away from intensive care units

By JILL SHERMAN CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MORE THAN 400 critically ill children have been turned away from intensive care units in the past three months because of shortages of beds and nurses, according to a nationwide survey to be pub-

lished today by Labour.

The study of 19 of the 20 hospitals which have specialist paediatric intensive care units shows that nearly 200 children were turned away from hospitals last month.

The Great Ormond Hospital for Children in London, one of the country's leading children's hospitals, has had to turn way the most cases: 83 since October. Seventeen children have been turned away from the hospital this month. But the bed and nursing shortages have also caused huge problems in the country's other top hospitals.

Most of the children have been referred onto other hospitals, but in some cases seriously ill children have been transferred to hospitals hundreds of miles away

Bristol Royal Hospital for Children, which has turned away 31 children in the past three months, had to refer on to Birmingham a child who had been sent to them from

survey to highlight the shortage of intensive care facilities in its debate on the winter crisis in the health service in the Commons today. It will refer to statements made by Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, last year promising more specialist beds after the case of Nicholas Geldard, aged ten, who died in December 1995 after being referred to four hospitals in search of a bed. Only last month a 20-month-old Sunderland baby

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Labour MP dies aged 59 darin Redmond, the Labour

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MP for Don Valley, south Yorkshire, died yesterday aged 59. Mr Redmond had been suffering from cancer for some time. His majority at the 1992 general election was 13,524 and his death means that the Conservatives now have the same number of voting MPs - 322 - as all other parties.

Roman statue is raised from mud

A Roman sculpture has been lifted from the mud banks of the River Almond in Cramond, Edinburgh, where it has lain for almost two millennia. The sandstone statae of a lioness devouring the head of a screaming bearded man is remarkably well

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Labour pledge to freeze tax starts party battle

BY PHILIP WEBSTER POLITICAL EDITOR

GORDON BROWN and Kenneth Clarke were locked tax last night after the Shadow Chancellor unexpectedly pled-ged that Lahour would not increase the basic or top rate of income tax in a full term of government.

In a move designed to bury forever the tax-and-spend image of old Labour, Mr Brown promised no rises in personal taxes for five years, no exten-sions to VAT in certain areas, an eventual 10p starting rate. and no change in government public spending plans for two

But the Chancellor hit back, claiming that Mr Brown's promises were "beyond beief". He declared: "Hell will freeze before Gordon Brown could control spending and keep tax down."

Tory strategists swiftly pointed out that Mr Brown's headline grabbing pledges in no way prevented him from raising money elsewhere through reducing tax reliefs and personal allowances, increasing taxes on companies, bringing in new charges such as "green" taxes, and raising

excise duties. Sources close to Mr Brown discounted any suggestion of increases in National Insurance contributions, saying that they would amount to a



6 Labour's tax position is now as clear as the Tories. But that is not

saying very much 9

— Anatole Kaletsky, page 31

"tax on jobs". Mr Brown's five-year promise, the most far-reaching ever made by any prospective in-coming Chancellor, took the Tories and most of the Labour

Party by surprise. He delivered it first in an interview at 8.10am on the Today programme on BBC Radio 4 and gave further details in a speech yesterday afternoon at London's Queen

Elizabeth 11 conference centre. So intense was the secrecy surrounding the announcement that most of the Shadow Cabinet were in the dark until Mr Brown informed them by telephone late on Sunday.

The prospect of an earlier than-expected General Elec tion was the main factor in the decision of Mr Brown and Tony Blair to put out the news

earlier than expected. It was the climax of their attempt to blunt the Tory campaign on tax - the issue which Labour strategists believe was most responsible for their last election defeat.

Reaction from the Labour Left was muted, although there were rumblings from several union leaders. Ken Livingstone warned that Mr Brown might have to increase too rate tax.

As the election battle heats up. Mr Blair will today promise businessmen a "new deal" for the 21st century. He will promise to build on the changes of the 1980s while leaving most of the Thatcher revolution untouched.

Speaking at a London con-ference, Mr Blair will say: "Labour offers business a new deal for the future. We will leave the main changes of the 1980s intact, but we will address the new agenda for the 21st century, focused on partnership between government and business, education, welfare reform, infrastructure and leadership in Europe." Mr Brown said: "Because

ve want to encourage work, Continued on page 2, col 7 Peter Riddell, page 10 Leading article, page 19

Teenage mother sees her baby stabbed in pram

A TEENAGE mother saw her baby girl stabbed yesterday as she lay in her pram in a

crowded shopping centre.
Ashleigh Baker, who was a year old this month, underwent emergency surgery for a stomach injury after the attack, in Nottingham. Shoppers and store staff detained a man, 38, who is believed to have a history of mental illness and who was being questioned last night.

The police said later that the child was in a stable condition at the Queens Medical Centre and her life was not in danger. Her mother, Norma-Jean Baker, 16, was at Ashleigh's bedside last night with her boyfriend, Robert Tinsley, 17.

The attack happened at 2pm in the Bridgeway Centre, in the Meadows area of the city. Miss Baker, who lives with her boyfriend and baby above a public house in the shopping centre, was standing beside the pram when a man appeared from behind a pillar. Witnesses said he demanded money for drink and, when he was refused, he pulled out what may have been a potato peeler and lunged at the baby.

leaving her covered in blood. Two youths who heard the mother's screams chased a man from the scene into the Co-op store, where he gave

Anne Bell, who works at an optician's shop in the centre, said: "I saw the mother, who was hysterical, and the kid lying there on the ground, People had covered her with

Another worker, who was inside the Co-op when the man and his pursuers ran in, said: "A guy came bursting in. shouting: 'Don't hurt me, don't hurt me.' He was a big fellow with dark hair. He was followed by another guy, who was shouting: 'He's just stabbed a baby.'

The security guard and the manager looked shocked and just stood there until a man chasing him shouted again that he'd stabbed a kid. When the two lads who were chasing him grabbed him, he didn't seem to put up a fight. Then they led him off."

Russell Smith, a public house manager, said that the stabbing was unprovoked. "It was a young mum out doing her shopping when this bloke ran up and stabbed the child. The girl was bleeding and her mother was screaming and crying like any mum would."

A Co-op spokesman said: "A man was chased into the store by members of the public who told staff he had injured a baby. Store manager Andrew Butler and members of his staff detained a man."

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Minister admits

his role in inquiry

was a 'mistake'

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT A TORY minister accused of tial conflict of interest. How-

Latter-day Perry Masons gather for a public execution

serves on the Broad-Council, one of whose functions is to consider public complaints about breaches of taste or decency in television programmes. Yesterday morning, with fellow-mem-bers of the Council. I watched a video-recording of scenes in Moll Flanders, about which there had been complaints.

One such involved a public execution. Crowds had gathered for a hanging. There was hubbub. and a sense of ghoulish excitement at the

later. I found myself outside casting Standards Committee Room 15 in the Commons. A crowd had gathered for a public meeting of the Select Committee on

> Andrew Mitchell, a social security minister and former whip accused of trying to use his influence improperly during the cash-for-questions affair, was to be interrogated. Queuing journalists mingled with people off the streets, all gossiping in hushed tones about the spectacle to come. What was it in the mood and

back to Moll Flanders?

In the Commons chamber. mood can be a useful carly warning of change in the air. To watch Welsh Questions that afternoon was to sense before they admit it to themselves - that the Labour Party has lost its ardour for a Welsh Assembly

The news will come as a disappointment to the combative young Secretary of State for Wales. William Hague. He has won his battle too early and already the enemy are regrouping on



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MATTHEW PARRIS POLITICAL SKETCH

new ground. The Tories repeatedly pressed their asked? In a recent survey in charges against what Hague called "the time-wasting and self-defeating load of hot air Labour call an Assembly. but few heads appeared above the parapets opposite to defend it.

Finally, Shadow Welsh Secretary, Ron Davies, was stung into a reply. What was

wrong with the idea, he Wales, '78 percent supported Labour's pian for a referendum".

Ah. a referendum! The Opposition is shifting ground, reserving its enthusiasm not for the Assembly, but for the idea of asking people whether they want one. Success is now to be the achievethe Assembly. The damagelimitation exercise has started before the damage.

Geoffrey Clifton-Brown (C. Cirencester & Tewkesbury) rose to defend the Assisted Places Scheme after a salvo against it from one of-Labour's bravest free-spirits. Paul Flynn (Newport W): Clifton-Brown told junior minister Gwilym Jones that the virtue of this scheme was that "it enables people rise to

the level of their abilities". One of the curiosities of the British parliamentary system

ment of the referendum, not is that it enables people to rise the Assembly. The damage above the level of their abilities. To watch the Government benches from my seat is to survey a mixed-ability class in an average comprehensive

> A few look genuinely dever, others just about keeping up. Some are sucking up to the teacher, some seem completely out of it, and a handful appear as though plucked from a police identity parade. One or two look barking mad. But all these people must be addressed as the

hon Member" and may write

trying to influence a Com-

mons cash-for-questions in-

vestigation admitted last night

that it had been a mistake to

take part in the inquiry.

Andrew Mitchell, a Social
Security Minister, said his

membership of the Commons

Members' Interests Select

Committee had created poten-

tial conflicts of interest with

his position as a government

whip. Mr Mitchell, MP for

Gedling, was accused by Lab-our MPs of trying to exert his

influence as a whip on fellow

Tory MPs who were investiga-

ting allegations against Neil

Hamilton, the former Trade

Minister. He is accused of ex-

ploiting his position to pass on

privileged information to Ri-chard Ryder, then Chief Whip. Last night Mr Mitchell told a public investigation into his role. In hindsight I have to

say that I think it would be

better if whips do not serve on

"quasi-judicial" role and said

that, on realising this, he

recognised there was a poten-

any authority in the land on headed notepaper with the Crown Portcullis embossed on each sheet, and the letters MP after their name.

And ail at our expense! Half a dozen of them were waiting in Committee Room 15 yesterday to try their hand as latter-day Perry Masons, interrogating a whip in the glare of the television lights a red sign "Broadcasting" illuminated above the door. Truly, this is the most generous Assisted Places Scheme

ever Mr Mitchell, who be-

came the first MP to give

evidence on oath to the Com-

mons Standards and Privi-

leges Committee, told last

night's hearing that he "be-

haved independently, entirely

properly and with integrity

both on and off the commit-

tee". He said he had never

divulged any information

orandum he wrote to the Chief

Whip showed that he was

intending to influence Tory

MPs on the Members' Inter-

ests inquiry into Mr Hamilton

Mr Mitchell, whose appear-

ance before the committee

came after the memo was

disclosed by the Labour MP

Dale Campbell-Savours.

ment to the now-defunct

Members Interests Committee

was made by the House of

Commons and not by the

Paymaster General, in the

Hamilton inquiry led to Mr

to send the clearest possible

signal that we want to encour-

age employment and work,

not penalise it. The Conserva-

tives try to claim that Labour

will penalise work and success

truth." He promised to cut

VAT on fuel to 5 per cent and

said there would be no exten-

sion to food, children's clothes,

books and newspapers and

proach to pay would be "firm

and fair". He wanted to retain,

recruit and motivate staff, he

said. But: "With Labour, all

public sector pay agreements must be financed from within

the agreed departmental cash-limits. Just as we will

resist every other unreason-

able demand on the public

purse, we will resist unreasonable demands on public sector

Mr Brown said his ap-

public transport fares.

He also denied that a mem-

from the committee.

Financial crisis hits fundholding practices

GPs put off operations after running out of cash

By JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

PATIENTS awaiting routine hospital operations may have because many fundholding doctors have run out of money to pay for them, it was disclosed last night.

GPs covering 350,000 patients in southeast England have told hospitals in London to stop dealing with the cases until after the new financial year begins in April. The fundholding practices, which hold their own budgets for hospital treatment, have said that patients should be made to wait li months in some cases in order to postpone payment as long as possible but ensure treatment is carried out within local Patient's Charter limits of one year.

Documents obtained by The Times reveal that the two tier service said to favour patients of fundholding practices is just as likely to disadvantage

was taken 120 miles to Edin-

burgh because an intensive

care bed was not available in

Chris Smith. Shadow

Health Secretary, and Tessa

Jowell, his deputy, will claim

that the survey shows that Mr Dorrell has failed to keep his

the North-East.

of GP fundholders are suffering the same problems of from non-fundholding GPs. In the past, patients of non-fundholding GPs have had their treatment postponed by health authorities who have run out of money.

The documents, from an unnamed London hospital. show that 191 fundholding GPs from 25 practices have sought help to curb their financial problems. One practice instructed the hospital: "No further treatment to take place until | April 1997." Another said: "Admit all

routine cases no sooner than H months after placement on the waiting list." A third said no patients should be admitted without prior approval.

The document will be seized on by Labour as evidence that fundholding is not working.

parent's nightmare to arrive at

a hospital with a child who is

critically ill only to find that

there is no bed available.

Jowell said last night.

are worsening. "It is every a year to staff and maintain

Every second is precious." Ms

The number of intensive

care beds for children has

grown rapidly from 127 in

pledge and the bed shortages year. Each bed costs £250,000 inevitable but if properly man-

them. They show that patients The Government has claimed that by giving budgets for tices. GPs would be better able to control how quickly the money was spent. More than half the population is covered by GP fundholders.

The difficulties experienced by fundholders in the South East are certain to be repeated elsewhere. A survey by the National Association of Fundholding Practices two years ago found a quarter were overspent or had made no savings and the pressures had increased since.

Critics have said that GP fundholders only performed better in the early years of the NHS reforms in 1991, because they were more generously funded. Labour is committed to replacing GP fundholding with a system of local commissioning involving all GPs in

last year it said transfers of

aged could be achieved safely.

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Hospitals turn away children and the beds come under extra pressure in the winter. The NHS executive says it is too expensive to fund intensive care units to meer peak demand because wide fluctuations in need would waste resources.In guidelines issued

an area which it says will improve efficiency and equity. Allan Stibbs, manager of a 66 million multifund covering 30,000 patients in six GP practices in Sideup, Kent, which is on the "overspent" list, said: "As fundholders we are in the same position as health authorities. The budgets simply aren't large enough to meet the demand. If we face a potential overspend we have to tell the hospitals.

"If a patient already has a date for admission there is no way any GP would interfere and if a consultant says a patient should come in the GP would not argue. But if a patient's treatment can be delayed without threat to their life or wellbeing we would

have to consider deferring it."
Graham Willoughby, fundholding manager at the Winifred Lee Health Centre in Eastbourne, said: "Too many patients were being treated too quickly — faster than we would have wanted."

Clive Parr, general manager of the National Association of Fundholding Practices, said overspending was a growing problem as budgets got righter. The idea of a two tier service favouring fundholders is a nonsense. The NHS has always been a multi-tiered service depending on where how close you are to a



Brenda Blethyn celebrates with her Golden Globe

Britons glitter at golden awards

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

THE actress Brenda Blethyn led a succesful British assault on the 54th annual Golden Globe awards at a gala evening boasting a full Holly-

wood turnout. She won best actress in a in Mike Leigh's Secrets and Lies. Madonna was awarded best actress in a musical or comedy at the Beverly Hills ceremony on Sunday night, to which the new mother wore a gown that left her virtually bare-chested.

Erita, in which she plays the wife of the Argentine dictator Perón, won three nal song for Sir Tim Rice.

There was a possible fore-taste of the Oscars when major trophies went to The English Patient, the wartime love story by the British director Anthony Minghella (best drama and original score) and Miles Forman's The People vs Larry Flynt, a mischievous look at the infamous pornographer (best director and best screenplay). The Australian actor Geof-

frey Rush prevailed over Ralph Fiennes, star of The English Patient. to win as best actor in a drama in

Ms Blethyn followed a succession of Britons to triproductions: Helen Mirren and Alan Rickman won Globes for their leading roles in Losing Chase and Rasputin respectively, while Sir Ian McKellen, Rickman's costar, was named best supporting actor in a television miniseries or drama.



Madonna: honoured

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Filming The Crucible



for her role in Evita

such committees in future, both for the whip and in view Whips Office, thereby denying any suggestion that he was of what has happened on this some kind of plant. A report last month by the He said that when he was Standards and Privileges appointed to the committee he did not know that it had a Committee on the role of David Willetts, the former

Willetts' resignation.

Brown tax pledge

and after 22 tax rises since 1992 which have hit hardworking families. I want to make clear that a Labour government will not increase the basic rate of tax." Acknowledging victory for

by raising taxes. Nothing could be further from the Mr Blair in a personal tussle over a proposed 50p rate, he said: As a signal of the importance we attach to rewarding work, I want to make clear that I will not increase the top rate of tax."

For those in lower-paid work, he said: "My tax-cutting ambition is to introduce a new lower starting rate of tax of 10p to encourage work and to help all hard-working families." Mr. Brown said: "I would like to have announced we could definitely introduce a 10p rate in our first Budget ... but I cannot promise that resources are available to do it, and, therefore, I will not make a promise about the timetable for its introduction." Mr Brown said: "We want

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RULE FROM EUROPE A FUTURE FOR BRITAIN

"There's going to be a referendum"

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Dentist who earned £1.1m is struck off

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A DENTIST who unnecessarily drilled. filled and crowned the teeth of patients was struck off yesterday. William Duff, 34, who had two surgeries in Glasgow. earned El.I million from the NHS between 1991 and 1995, a disciplinary hearing in London was told.

It was only after an investigation was launched into his fee claims that it was discovered that patients had been subjected to "wholly unnecessary and unpleasant" treatments. The General Dental Council found Duff, of Kilbarchan, near

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dental register.

Richard Rundell, for the council, said that Duff performed "totally unnecessary" fillings, crowning and root canal treatment in his "deliberate pursuit of financial gain. Mr Rundell outlined six specimen complaints which he said were very much the tip of the iceberg.
In 1993, an extensive investigation was

carried out by the Greater Glasgow Health Board in relation to fees claimed by Duff. In 1995, an NHS tribunal looked into complaints from 228 of his patients

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Glasgow, guilty of serious professional and decided that his name should be misconduct and erased his name from the removed from its list of registered

Last July, the Scottish Secretary intervened and withheld £190,000 from Duff in outstanding fee claims. "From 1991 to 1995. Duff was one of the most highly paid dentists in Scotland working in the NHS. From 1991 to 1995 he received fees in

excess of £1.1 million." Mr Rundell said. Duff did not attend the hearing. Hugh Harvie, of the Medical Defence Union of Scotland, who represented him, said the dentist no longer intended to practise and was on a university course.

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Evans is out after missing breakfast

BY CAROL MIDGLEY

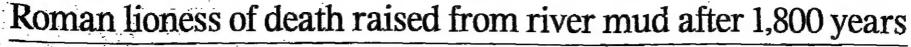
THE maverick broadcaster Chris Evans ended his Radio I career with a whimper yesterday after failing to turn up to present his breakfast show.

A BBC spokesman said Evans was being released from his £1.4 million contract immediately because he no longer felt able to present the show. The contract was to have expired on March 27. The BBC was alerted to Evans's non-appearance in a phone call at 5.10am from John Revell, his producer, less than two hours before the show should have started.

Kevin Greening was called in to play almost continuous music, interrupted only by the statement: "Due to circumstances beyond our control we are unable to bring you the Chris Evans breakfast show. For that we are sorry." Mr Greening ended the show by playing Missing, by Every-thing But the Girl.

Evans's failure to turn up for work followed a confrontation last week with Matthew Bannister, Controller of Radio I, in which Evans demanded Fridays off to concentrate on his Channel 4 television show, TFI Priday. When Mr Bannister refused Evans resigned, claiming that he had effectively been

In two years he had built the show's audience to seven million listeners a week. Evans, who is also credited with having boosted ratings for the whole of Radio I, started his show 30 minutes later than his predecessors and had 12



Relic emerges from sands of time

BY SHIPLEY ENGLISH

the finest and most important historical finds of recent years. was lifted yesterday from the mud banks of the Scottish river where it has lain for almost two millennia

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The 5ft by 2½ft sandstone statue of a lioness devouring the head of a screaming bearded man has been remarkably well preserved in the silt of the River Almond in the Cramond district of Edinburgh. Archaeologists say that the 1,800-year-old sculpture is priceless. It was pulled out of the sucking mud by a crane and lowered on to a lorry in a two-hour operation.

The relic was found by

Robert Graham, 36, the local ferryman, who spotted its head peering out of the mud as he descended the ferry steps. The nose of the lioness was three inches from the steps. Mr Graham may be entitled to a finder's reward under

Not realising the statute's importance, Mr Graham began digging it out last November, thinking that it would be a "nice piece for the garden". He covered it for safety and forgot about it over Christmas, Last week Mr. Graham mentioned the piece to an amateur archaeologist. who recognised its signifiand alerted the

Experts believe that it is probably one of Britain's finest Roman relics, especially



Graham spotted statue

A ROMAN sculpture, one of because of its size, detail and rare theme of a lioness with a human. Only three similar depictions exist in Britain, at Corbridge in Northumber-land, Borrowdale in Cumbria and Colchesier, Essex, but none is as large or as well preserved. The Colchester piece is a carving rather than a

> Yesterday, armed with trowels and brushes, six ar-chaeologists and two conser-vators from the City of Edinburgh and the National Museums of Scotland began the delicate operation of lifting the statute at low tide, after six days of carefully removing the silt that has preserved it for centuries. It has been under 24-hour surveillance since last Wednesday when the dig

They had from 3.15pm until about 9.15pm to move the huge statue before the tide covered it again. The plinth, in two parts and including the lioness's hind legs, was lifted first, followed by the statue itself.

Research and preservation work will begin at Edinburgh's Granton depot of the National Museum of Scotland. The statue, waterlogged with sea water as it was found near the mouth of the river. will be washed in distilled water and dried over several months. The main fear is that the salt may cause it to crack

Fraser Hunter, curator of the Roman collection in the National Museum, said the statue probably guarded the officer. It symbolised the destructive power of death. "I cannot think of any other example of a statue of this kind. It is in amazingly good condition. The detail is tremendous, you can almost feel the lioness's breath on your shoulder," he said.

Roman sculptures of that type normally depict lions eating animals or smaller creatures. This one's size, condition and theme make it rare. The nearest example is the tion and deer at Corbridge, found after the First World War. The only other example of an animal with a human is the sphinx found in Colchester in the 19th century.

Cramond, north of Edin-



Roman harbour and army supply base until the Romans withdrew to Hadrian's Wall about AD 212, after the death of Emperor Septimius Severus in York. There may be another lioness in the silt, as mausoleum statues of that kind normally come in pairs. Now that the Roman section of river has been identified, excavations will begin to seek out the

Mark Collard, the archaeol-

cil who led the dig, said the statue may have fallen off a boat when the Romans withdrew or have been hurled in the river by Britons when the occupiers left. It must have sunk rapidly because of its weight and was quickly covered in the sand and gravel that protected it from erosion.

Mr Collard said: This is the best preserved example in Britain and was probably made by a stonemason in the

examples of lions eating creatures, but one of this quality and size, and the fact it is a lioness with a human, is very rare. I have never seen anything like it before. It has certainly got me excited."

Dr Jon Coulston, an expert in Roman sculptures based at St Andrews University, said: The genre is not unusual, but the detail may be, because of much more unusual."

and third centuries are known elsewhere in the Roman Empire, usually in militatry frontier areas such as the Rhineland and Danube.

The statue will probably belong to the Crown and will be the subject of treasure Trove. Dr David Breeze of Historic Scotland, an expert in Roman archaeology, said: 1 have never seen anything like this in Britain or abroad. It

PC denies assaulting man who had gun

A POLICEMAN was accused yesterday of assaulting a self-confessed habitual criminal who pointed a gun at him during a high-speed car chase. PC Wesley Pierpoint perforat-ed Paul Golightly's eardrum by slapping him around the head as he sat handcuffed in the back of a police vehicle, a court was told.

Lincoln Crown Court was told that PC Pierpoint, 43, and WPC Nichola Avison had the gun pointed at them as they chased a stolen car driven by Golightly from Nottinghamshire into Lincolnshire. Kate Hargreaves, for the prosecution, said the car was halted just outside Lincoln and the two men inside were arrested.

She said: "WPC Avison. although she could not see clearly what was happening. says she saw Pierpoint's arm raising a number of times and the sound of slaps. She turned away, embarrassed at what she had seen."

At Lincoln police station, she said, Golightly, 22, who has 96 previous convictions and is serving a three-year jail sentence, claimed to have been assaulted by PC Pierpoint, who threatened to "have him". Miss Hargreaves said PC Pierpoint had said he believed Golightly's head made contact quite violently with the ground during the arrest.

"He said that in the car he believed he was about to be headbutted and he hit Golightly's cheek with his arm. Twice more Golightly came at him and he reacted in the same way. He said he did no more than protect himself."

Golightly, whose current sentence is for offences arising out of the car chase, said the gun had been handed to him in the car by a youth who had stolen it. He said it had been handed to him to add to his collection of guns and knives.

Golightly added: "An officer opened the door and told me! was in big trouble. He said I would never point a gun at him again. He bent into the car, pushed me on to my side and then hit me repeatedly. five times, with the palm of his hand into my left ear."

PC Pierpoint denies causing actual bodily harm in July

Doctor who killed rival can go back to medicine

BY GLEN OWEN

A WOMAN who stabled her husband's mistress to death less than three years ago is to be allowed to train to return to her old job as an anaesthetist. The General Medical Council agreed yesterday that Julia Davidson, 49, had "paid her debt to society" after serving 19 months of a four-year sentence for manslaughter.

Dr Jeremy Lee-Potter, chairman of the council's professional conduct committee, said that Dr Davidson could not practise unrestricted and that a psychiatric reportshould be reviewed in 12. months. He also ruled she must not take any locum posts. and that future employers should be made aware of these

Pamela Horner, her solici-tor, argued that Dr Davidson, a mother of four of West Byfleet, Surrey, was no longer a threat to society, nor to her

Her trial at the Old Bailey in 1994 was told that she stabled Fiona Wood 17 times in the she lay dying on the floor of ber husband's surgery in Woking, Surrey.

hurting?" She said Mrs Wood laughed and she later told police. "I hit her and hit her Woking, Surrey. Dr Davidson was an anaes-

thetist at Whipps Cross Hospital at Leytonstone, east London, when she met Jeremy Wright in the late 1970s. They married and she and her husband's medical secretary bacame friends, but Dr Davidson discovered that her husband had begun an affair with Mrs Wood during a conference in New York. Dr Wright, a surgeon, left the marital home and later set up home with Mrs Wood in Chobham, Surrey.

Dr Davidson was receiving counselling and was on medication when, in May 1994, she saw her husband with 35 yearold Mrs Wood in his car, when Mrs Wood flashed her a "triumphant smile". Distraught, she drove home where she was believed to

have collected a knife. Dr Davidson then drove to her husband's surgery where she confronted Mrs Wood, neck and 18 times in the face, shouting at her. "Do you know and continued to attack her as how many people you are and hit her, that evil. evil.

wicked woman. She admitted that even after Mrs Wood fell to the ground, she continued to hit her. Covered in blood she drove to see her husband and told him what she had done. At the trial in December, 1994, she pleaded not guilty to murder but guilty of manslaughter by reason of diminished respon-

At yesterday's hearing, Dr Davidson pleaded to be allowed to train as a doctor so that she could "give back something to society and the

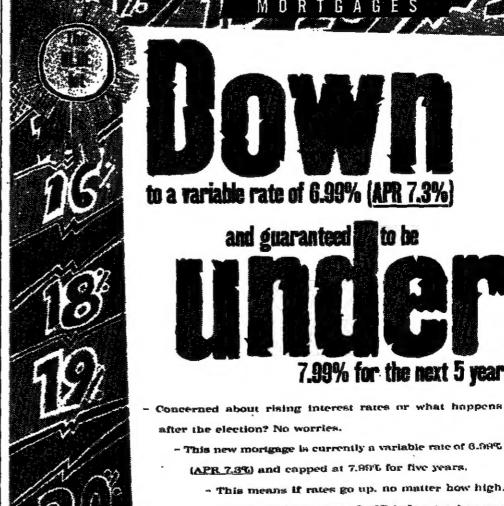
Robert Mills, for the GMC, told the committee "She has paid her debt to society by virtue of her prison sentence but doubted her ability to practise again since she had not worked as an anaesthetist since the birth of her first child 17 years ago. Dr Davidson said: "I hope some of my old knowledge will come back quite quickly."

Victim set to marry rapist

A WOMAN plans to marry the man who pleaded guilty to raping her to save her the humiliation of reliving the attack in court. Her lover was jailed for six years at the Old Bailey yesterday after the court was told that the 28-yearold woman had refused to give evidence against him.

It is likely that, because of her stand, the 30-year-old man would have escaped conviction if he had denied two charges of rape and two charges of indecent assault. The couple had shared a home in a village in Surrey, where he was accused of subjecting her to "a violent and degrading assault" after returning from a night's drinking in October 1996.

Sentencing the man, Judge Richard Hawkins, QC, said: It appears you were suffering from irrational jealousy." Grace Amakye, defending, said: "He is thoroughly ashamed that he subjected the woman he loves so dearly to this violence and degredation. Now they intend to get married. She has forgiven him."



Preachers were arrested when their message fell upon stony ground A fourth man, David McKelvie, from a swelled to more than 100. A spokesman

BY ALAN HAMILTON

THREE disciples who so excited the multitude that they were pelted with eggs by the ungodly were accused of aggressive preaching when they appeared before York magistrates yesterday.

The realous preachers belong to Faith Ministries, a Leeds-based group that preaches the Old Testament as it is witten, and has no truck with modern interpretations. They took to the streets of York to spread their fundamentalist message on the evils of homosexuality and other perceived ills, but their sermon degenerated into disorder and police were called. Divine intervention deserted them, and they spent 48 hours in custody. Alison Redmond-Bate, 24, Margaret Miller, 49, and Alan Bate, 50, were told

by the clerk of the court that they had

been arrested for aggressive preaching, and causing infinidation and harass-

nent so that a breach of the peace was

likely to occur. They denied the charges.

Bible college in Doncaster, was also arrested and charged after claiming that he had stepped out of the crowd to protest at the arrest of the three preachers.

A witness said: "They had a huge crowd gathered round, and they were shouting at the top of their voices for people to save themselves. You could tell there was going to be trouble. One started shouting about homosexuality, and that people who practised it would rot in hell."

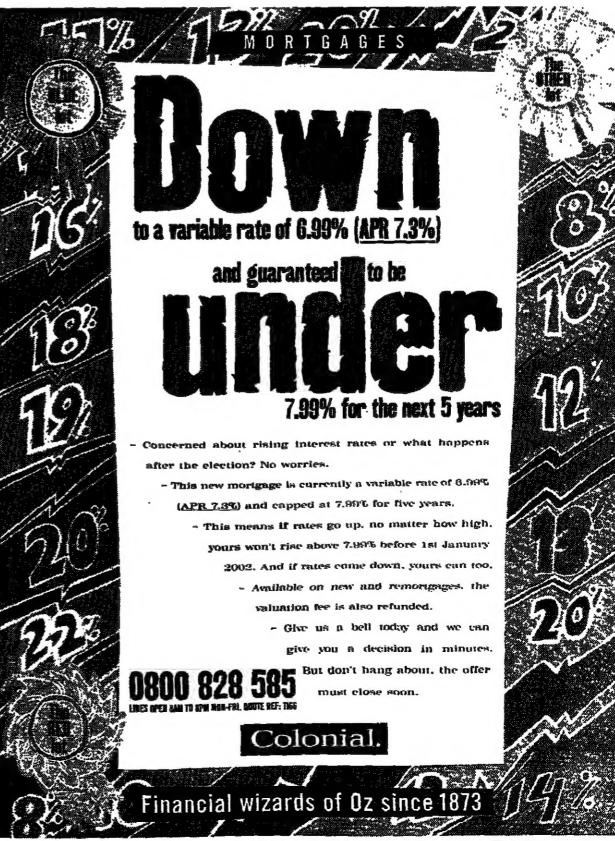
Pastor Phil Dacre, of the Faith Ministries, said: "For the past six months, since the Lord told us to go out and preach and proclaim, we have sent out teams to places in Yorkshire warning people to repent. This team were asked by the Lord to visit York, but it seems that the people of that city did not want to hear their

The Faith Ministries was founded ten years ago by Pastor Dacre and a few friends in Leeds. Membership has said the group was motivated by the fact that the laws of God were being

Speaking about the group being held in custody, Pastor Dacre said: "Preaching is not a criminal offence and we are quite concerned they were kept in jail for that length of time."

Mr Bate is on an electronics course at Leeds University. He is the father of Alison Redmond-Bate, who works as a sales assistant at a clothes shop in Leeds, but on Thursday teaches art at the school attached to the Faith Ministry. Leeds Christian School. Her mother also teaches there and belongs to the ministry. Margaret Miller also helps at the school, which has about 50 pupils and is described as specialising in teaching children Christian principles, but with more emphasis on discipline.

The defendants were released from custody and the hearing was adjourned to a date to be fixed.



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Dogs join search for missing schoolgirl

BY KATHRYN KNIGHT

DOGS trained to search for bodies joined the hunt yesterday for Zoe Evans. the girl missing for ten days.

The dogs, trained by the Metropolitan Police, searched hills and scrubland behind the girl's home in Warminster. Wiltshire. Senior police said they were extremely pessimis-tic about finding the nineyear-old alive.

Paula and Miles Evans, her mother and stepfather, were released without charge on Sunday evening after being questioned by detectives over the weekend. They were taken to a secret address where they were staying with two police

Police disclosed that they were following a new line of inquiry after receiving the results of DNA tests on two pieces of recovered clothing. Inspector Geoff Hicks. of Warminster police, said that he could not disclose the results of the tests. He added: "We are waiting for our first big lead. Mr and Mrs Evans are being kept informed at every stage."



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PC Terry Field and his dog, Jupiter, checking a drainage tunnel yesterday

Widow battles the odds to visit Libyan war grave

By STEPHEN FARRELL

A WIDOW aged 79 has achieved a lifetime ambition to visit her husband's war grave in Libya, 54 years after he was killed at Tobruk.

Daisy Nortis undertook the journey alone, ignoring For-eign Office and Royal British Legion warnings not to travel to a country isolated by inter-national sanctions. She was "cheated, diddled and robbed", and at the last moment nearly turned away as she approached the grave.

After years spent trying to persuade suspicious Libyan officials to grant her a visa. Mrs Norris was finally given permission to travel last September. She flew to Tunisia to make the final arrangements and last week crossed the border, using the last of her savings to make the return journey from Tripoli. A taxi driver took her from

the town centre to the Tobruk war cemetery, a Commonwealth War Graves Commission site on a plateau five miles inland. There, among 2,480 graves, she found the burial plot of her first husband, Charles Crawley. He



Daisy Norris was "diddled and robbed" on her solo journey into Libya, where her husband died in 1942

was a Royal Marines commando who died, aged 24, on September 14, 1942, as the Eighth Army battled to retake the city from Rommel. He never saw his month-old son, Stephen, and now lies in Grave 13, Row C, Plot 9, next to the Cross of Sacrifice in the far corner of the cemetery.

Exhausted by the journey, struggles with unhelpful officials and the difficulties of negotiating fares and room

try. Mrs Norris nevertheless refused to be deterred by all obstacles. Everyone just wanted to stop me, everyone. Even when I got out there they told me I didn't have enough money, it was too dangerous, I couldn't make the journey, everything," she said yesterday from her hotel room in

Sousse, Tunisia. "It was an horrendous experience. I was cheated, diddled and robbed. I was charged 100 dollars in a Tobruk hotel just guage you can't argue with them, you just put the money out and they take it.

"Still, after all that, I have done it. I flew across the Sahara: desert, I used Libyan aircraft when people told me not to, I stayed with some very friendly people I met when I was, feeling terrible. I did whatever I had to."

Mrs Norris, from Beeston, Nottinghamshire, had cherished the idea of visiting the grave since 1970, when her second husband died of cancer. However, when the moment approached, she felt her resolve falter.

"I had to walk the whole length of the site," she said. "As I got nearer to where I wanted to be, I nearly turned and walked back because (didn't want to see his name on that stone, but I knew it was

something I had to face.
When I did stand there it was a weird experience after so many years. I still feel very emotional about it. I have done what I wanted to do and I did it without any help from anyone. Now I am just so tired and I want to come home."

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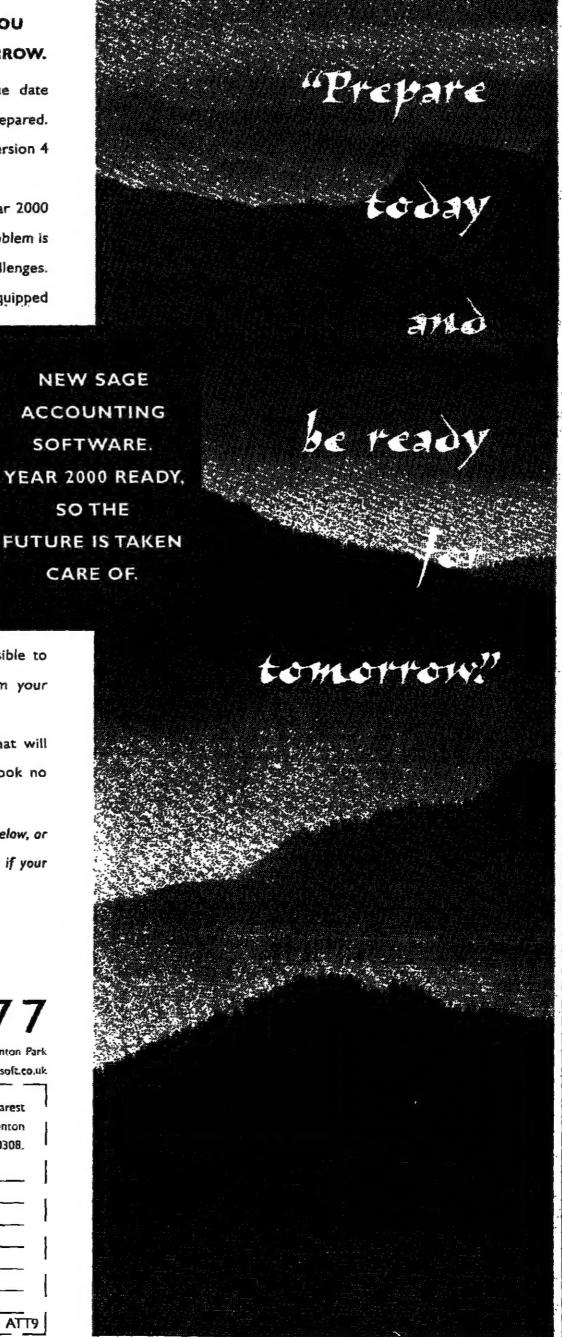
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Barristers must relearn the art of advocacy

By Frances Gibb, legal correspondent

BARRISTERS are to undergo compulsory training in advocacy under a new programme which abandons the tradition-

al notion that great advocates are born, not made. Initially the scheme will apply to barristers who take on jury trials soon after qualifying. Later it is likely that the scheme will be extended to more experienced barristers.

The new Bar chairman, Robert Owen, QC, is launch-ing the profession's first compulsory programme to improve standards. He said: The traditional view has always thought been that advocacy was a skill which you were born with But over the years people have started to realise

One of the regular criticisms

of barristers is that standards of advocacy, particularly in criminal trials, are inconsistent. A report on the profession in 1994 by Lord Alexander of Weedon, QC. found that "anecdotal evidence of prolixity, lack of preparation and incompetence abounds". He said many bar-risters provided a high stan-dard of service. But some barristers treated litigation as "contact sport" and were tediously wordy and unneces-

sarily aggressive. The programme, which will apply initially to the 400-500 barristers called to the Bar each year, will end the as-sumption that an advocate's skills are learned "on the job" Instead, for their first three years, newly qualified barris-

ters will have to complete 42 hours of training in advocacy and in changes in law. The Law Society, which already requires all solicitors who have qualified since November 1982 to gain training points every year, is extending its own scheme to the whole profession after November

Mr Owen said that the Bar vocational course - the oneyear professional training course - provided an excellent grounding. But Bar entrants need more training in relation to specified areas they choose to practise in, as well as in advocacy." He said he had set up an Advocacy Studies Board under Lord Justice Kennedy, the Court of Appeal judge, with representatives from the inns of Court, the circuits and specialist Bar associations, to advise on advocacy training policy "at all stages of educa-

tion for the Bar". A Bar spokesman said: The scheme is part of an ongoing series of reforms which flowed from the Alexander report including reforms to the way complaints are handled, and quality assurance standards in chambers. It underlines a recognition that the Bar is providing a professional ser-

vice like any other." The scheme is expected to start in October 1997. Both the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice, in 1993, and the Alexander report have called for action to improve standards of advocacy.

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Woman on vodka binge set breath-test record

BY RUSSELL JENKINS

A WOMAN who was almost 62 times the drink-driving limit after a vodka binge was banned from driving yesterday. The Campaign Against Drink-Driving said that the breathalyser figure was the highest recorded by a woman.

Rosemary Foster, 23, from Weston Coyney, Stafford-shire, also assaulted three police constables. She was stopped by police with 225 micrograms of alcohol in 100 millilitres of breath. The legal fimit is 35.

Foster had been drinking with Rita Smith, 43, a housewife from Beswick, Manchester, before getting behind the wheel of her V-registration Ford Fiesta on December 12. Other motorists used mobile telephones to alert police to a car they had seen weaving. along the M50 near Ashley in Cheshire. The police found Foster's car parked on the hard shoulder and the driver staggering into the nearside

Heather Alsop, for the prosecution, told Macclesfield magistrates that Foster was handcuffed and put in a police



Foster: assaulted police

car. She then tried to make herself sick and vomited over the arresting officers.

At the police station she was offered a cup of coffee by a woman police constable. She immediately threw it back at the officer, scalding her chest and forearm. Foster, who admitted drink-

driving and assault, faces a jail sentence. The case was adjourned until February 17 for reports to be prepared. Foster was remanded on unconditional ball but was given an interim driving ban. Smith, who had struggled

with police officers on the edge. of the motorway when she was arrested, admitted being drunk and disorderly during the incident. She was fined 550 and ordered to pay £50

A spokesman for the Insti-tute of Alcohol Studies said that, with such high levels of alcohol. Foster should have been comatose, "possibly dead". "At that blood alcohol level, the vast majority of people would be flat out on

ar grave Fashanu 'earned £800,000 for role in fixing matches'

JOHN FASHANU, the former Wimbledon and Aston Villa striker, earned up to 1800,000 for lixing Premier-ship football matches for a gambling syndicate, a court was told yesterday.

Mr Fashanu, now a pre-senter of the television show Gladiators, is said to have been the intermediary between two goalkeepers and un-named figures in Singapore. Malaysia and Indonesia who financed the rigging of results. Bruce Grobbelaar, the for-

mer Liverpool and Southamp ton goalkeeper, allegedly told. Christopher Vincent his friend and business associate. about the scale of payments to money after playing for Liverpool in a match they lost 3-0 at Newcastle in November . The two men drove to 1993. Mr Vincent 38, who has . Hampstead, north London.



Fashanic said to have been the intermediary

earned more than £75,000 from selling his story about match fixing, told the court that he went to London for the Mr Fashanu as he picked up meeting with Mr Fashanu E40,000 cash for his part in the and was with Mr Grobbelaar deception. He earned the as he left with £40,000 in £50 notes in his elephant-skin briekase

"the short man" - the Malaysian middleman - and Mr Fashamu would both be there. As we left he told me Fashanu had made between £400,000 and £800,000 from doing business with the short

Mr Vincent said Mr Grobbelaar had boasted to him that nobody would know if he was influencing the result. He said he had been Liverpool's goalkeeper for 14 years and if he was standing a yard or a foot off his line

nobody would know.", Mr Grobbelaar, 39 watched Mr Vincent intently as he sat in the dock with his co-accused Mr Fashanu, 33, Heng Suan Lim. 30, and Hans Segers; 34, the former Wim-bledon goalkeeper. All deny conspiracy to give and accept corrupt payments and Mr Grobbelaar also denies a charge of corruption.



John Galliano being applauded by his models at the end of yesterday's presentation. He had turned to the Dior archives for inspiration

Galliano updates the New Look on debut for Dior

BY HEATH BROWN

FOR the second time in as many days, British design triumphed at the Paris haute conture collections. In the wake of Alguander McQueen's ac-claimed show on Sunday night, John Galliano's debut collection yesterday as designer-in-chief at Christian Dior looked to the archives for inspiration.

Look, which used extravagant amounts of fabric in full circular skirts, was updated in wasp-waisted boundstooth and Prince of Wales check dresses in a new mini length. But, true to form, nothing was that straightforward. He mixed and matched with Masai beading, pad-ded pannier hips, ruffled The theatrical Galliano signature

was evident in the corseted evening-wear, but did not drown the overall wearability of his daywear. The pretty tailoring could very well dress the more adventurous Dior customer of

Celebrities at the show included Charlotte Rampling, Marisa Beren-son, Jean-Paul Gaultier and the Duchess of York. The French magazine Paris Match had commissioned before the show, "Just a regular girl's point of view," she said, adding that, as she had always had a weight problem — "like most other women" she could look at fashion in a more realistic way than the cognoscenti. "Voted one of the ten worst-dressed women in the world," she added wryly, "I feel I have an interesting

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secretary cheated for his son

BY TIM JONES

THE secretary of one of Brit-ain's most exclusive golf clubs has been sacked for falsifying his son's handicap.

Robbie James was found guilty of gross misconduct at Walton Heath, Surrey. He admitted reducing the handi-cap of his son, Mark James, a top amateur, to increase his chances of entry into significant tournaments.

A statement said that the action by Mr James, formerly secretary at Wentworth, justified dismissal without notice...

Sir Edward Heath

The negotiations with the Six. referred to in the tiliro para-graph of Sir Edward Heath's letter (January 18), opened in

Miss Amanda Clow

Miss Amanda Clow asks us to point out that she did not break off her engagement to Mr Mark Astley as a result of the loss of her engagement ring on a flight from New York to London, contrary to our report of November 6 1996. She retains her affection for Mr Astley, even though they are no longer engaged. We apologise for any distress our report may have caused.

Golf club Thou shalt not gazump, bidder tells **Catholics**

By A STAFF REPORTER

A BUSINESSMAN has been quoting the Bible to accuse a Roman Catholic diocese of gazumping him on the day he was due to buy a school building from it.

Roy Seaman says that the East Anglia RC Diocese Trust went back on its word to accept his £95,000 offer for the Grade II listed geography block at the Notre Dame High School in Norwich. Instead. six weeks after his offer, it received an identical one from a consortium of school governors and asked both parties to

hors and asken doin parties to hid again, he says.

His letter to the Bishop of East Anglia, the Right Rev Peter Smith, accuses the diocese of flouting biblical edicts such as "By thy word, thou shalf be justified" (Matthew til, 37) and "He that is greedy for gain troubleth his own

bouse" (Proverbs xv, 27). Mr Seaman, a born-again Anglican, says he has already incurred E30,000 costs in cashed a pension fund to turn the block into a new head office for his local franchising firm. I believe gazumping is ethically, and spiritually wrong and the Church should not be taking part in it or

encouraging it. A spokesman for the diocese said it had a legal obligation to sell to the highest bidder.



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The Government claims that it believes in free trade and open competition. So far as international air travel is concerned, the reality is very different.

Manchester Airport's ability to grow is being stunted by red tape in the form of archaic regulations dating back to 1947, which were introduced essentially for military reasons, and before the introduction of passenger jets. These regulations - called bilateral agreements - require that before an airline can start a new service hetween 2 countries an international treaty between the respective Governments is required.

In today's highly competitive market place these rules are

an utter irrelevance to Manchester and other regional airports. Other Governments recognise this and pursue an Open Skies policy to the benefit of their airports and countries.

Major competitor airports like Singapore and Amsterdam therefore attract additional routes without getting snarfed up in inter-governmental politics. By contrast, Manchester is constrained by a regulatory process which impedes and deters international aidines from starting new services.

The impact on the regional economy and on employment is enormous. An independent firm of analysts, York Consulting, has estimated that the introduction of an Open Skies policy

would create in the order of 10,000 jobs in the North West between now and 2005.

An IATA passenger survey has found Manchester to be the 'World's Best Airport'. Many airlines want to start up routes to and from Manchester, allowing more passengers to fly directly to their chosen destinations, and creating jobs here rather than exporting them. The Government can unilaterally declare 'Open Skies' over Manchester and other regional airports and support the creation of jobs and passenger choice.

There is no good reason why the Government should not act



Lover of murdered wife could inherit £160,000

By PAUL WILKINSON

THE secret lover of Eve Howells stands to inherit most of her £160,000 estate if her husband and two teenage sons are convicted of her murder, a court was told yesterday.

Russell Hirst, a bachelor. admitted that he deceived his best friend and colleague for 12 years, calling regularly at his house for sex while David

Howells was at work. Mr Howells, his sons. Glenn. 17, and John. 15, deny battering Mrs Howells to death in August 1995 at the family home in Huddersfield. west Yorkshire. Glenn Howells admits manslaughter on the ground of provocation. The prosecution says they plotted to get rid of Mrs

neering behaviour. Mr Hirst, 38, who is godfather to both boys, was to have given evidence at Leeds Crown Court on Friday but collapsed in the witness box. Yesterday he blamed stress and the fact that he had not eaten for 48 hours. He said he had been suffering from de-pression for 16 months.

He said that he knew he would inherit if all the family died, but did not know that he would receive the money if the family were convicted of Mrs Howells's killing. He agreed with Aidan Marron, for John Howells, that Mrs Howells had been "the love of my life". She was "a real lady and a delightful individual".

He said he had met Mrs Howells in 1977 when he was 19 and she was 31, soon after he had become apprenticed to her husband, who worked as a maintenance fitter for a chemical firm. He and Mrs Howells began an affair in 1982 on a family holiday in Spain.

The affair had ended in 1989, but resumed in 1993 after Mr Hirst had taken an overdose at the end of a close friendship with another woman. He had turned to Mrs Howells for comfort. Mr Hirst said that he understood Mr Howells had not known of the affair until detectives investigating the killing had told him. He had since written to Mr Howells to apologise.

The case continues.



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Watkins, in the centre of the middle row, sent regular reports to The Times. The photograph above was captioned rather coyly as showing the team with "Eskimo friends"

Polar explorers kept warm with Eskimo Nells

By DALYA ALBERGE ARTS CORRESPONDENT

HUNDREDS of previously unseen pictures of intrepid British polar explorers, including some that suggest how Eskimo women kept them warm, go on show next week.

The photographs are part of a collection of pictures and letters among unpublished material charting the four expeditions led by Henry "Gino" Watkins, before his death in the Arctic at the age of 25 in 1932. Along with love letters to his fiancée, Margaret Graham, there is an intriguing portrait of Watkins and his men looking very British, seemingly unaware of the Eskimo women on their laps. They are known to have fraternised with them and the woman perched on Watkins's knees was nicknamed Tina the Slut.

Alan Biles-Liddell, head of the

travel department at the antiquarian booksellers. Henry Sotheran, in central London, which is exhibiting the collection, said that though the explorers left behind their offspring. there are no mentions of anyone showing him a baby, saying, Well. what about this?"

In fact, in his letters to Miss Graham. Watkins told her how



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Henry "Gino" Watkins died trying to save his kayak. Right, the expedition's ship, Quest

their engagement. His team of young explorers captured the imagi-nation of the public as they travelled the most desolate areas of Greenland and the North and South Poles. Their adventures were covered almost every day by The Times and Watkins, who was hailed at the time as an explorer to equal Scott and Shackleton, wrote vivid accounts of his expedition exclusive-

ly for this paper. On May 14, 1931, he reported from Greenland: "An aeroplane flew over excited the Eskimos were to learn of us. It dropped some dog food and man food down to us. Unfortunately, we had to leave the food on the ice cap after we had taken out the luxuries, since we already had on our sledges much more man food than we required."

Watkins died on August 20, 1932, trying to save his kayak. One of the photographs in the collection sug-gests the moment before his death: when the canoe slipped off an ice floe from which he was shooting a seal, he quickly undressed and dived into the water to save it from sinking. He is believed to have been

killed instantly by the cold. Mr. Biles-Liddell said: They all literally. became heroes in their own lifetime Yet, sadly, Watkins is today tuth embered as readily as Scott or Shackleton.

"He opened up Greenland, which wasn't well known topographically. The coastland, the mineral deposits and whether it was feasible to use it

as an economic commodity were due to Watkins.

Surprisingly, his letters contain no references to say of them surveting in the cold. Mr. Blest iddels as

Syringes classed as illegal weapons

Syringes are to be classified as illegal weapons in the Irish Republic after a series of holdups by raiders claiming to have syringes full of HIV-infected blood. Nora Owen. the Justice Minister, said svringe attacks would carry a maximum five-year jail sen-tence. In Dublin in recent weeks there have been two such attacks a day.

Lottery numbers

Camelot, the National Lottery operator, has launched a tele-phone hodine to clamp down on underage players. The public are encouraged to call 0541 561616 to report retailers selling to children under 16. Posters and stickers will be produced as reminders.

Cambodia plea

The parents of Christopher Howes, the mines expert taken hostage by the Khmer Rouge, appealed to the Cambodian people to help to find him. Ron and Betty Howes, of Bristol. made their plea in a letter to newspapers on the 300th day since he was kidnapped.

L-test photos

plained: These were real men. Not one came back and complained."

Also being sold are Watkins's watch, which is working again since

a husky hair was removed; and

three albums of newspaper cuttings

Among them is the story from

Greenland of how one member of

the leam, Angustine Courtaild from the Courtaild textile family which partly funded their expedition — survived being buried alive.

alone for six weeks in a 12th long ice

tunnel.
The Times obituary on Watkins

spoke of the widespread grief at the news of his death: "Already, as the

President of the Royal Geographical

Society said a few months ago in presenting him with the Founder's Medal — a distinction never before

gained by one so young - he had played himself in the front rank of Millic explorers. A man of great energy, intelligence and promise, and of powers, amounting to genius.

The photographs, which include oxiginal prints that were published

at the time, and the letters are to be

sold by the great-niece of Walkins's fiance. The collection will jee minimed at Henry Sother and Schemes Street, London, Wi, from Japanes of

rganisation."

relating to the expedition

Learner drivers will have to provide photographic proof of identity when going for driving tests from March I. Up to 200 tests a year are believed to be taken by qualified drivers impersonating learners. Proof will be required at both the written and road test.

Poison tree

Four tree surgeons and two helpers suffered severe skin reactions and breathing problems from toxic sap that seaped from a 40ft Japanese varnish free they were felling at Cockington: Devon. Workers in protective suits removed the wood in a sealed skip.

Blaze of glory

Alan Burns, 55, a retained firefighter in Haltwhistle, Northamberland, responded to a call on his final day before certaing in find his crew and deadly with the parting gift of his deallers, the 1955 Dennis Rafine : ergans on which he thanked messive 10 years ago:

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Loyalists suspected of planting bomb under couple's car

By Nicholas Watt, CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

THE loyalist ceasefire appeared to be collapsing last night after terrorists tried to murder a Roman Catholic couple and their five-monthold daughter in a car-bomb

John Shaw, 37, and his girlfriend. Adele Burleigh, 25, were driving through the predominantly Protestant town of Larne, Co Antrim, when a Second World War grenade rigged up to the driveshaft under the passenger seat ex-ploded. No terrorist group dmitted the attack, but early indications are that loyalist terrorists planted the bomb. It was the third attack by suspected loyalists in less than a

understood to have been loyalist targets in the past.

Mr Shaw described how the bomb exploded after he had driven across Larne for 20 minutes in busy traffic. He said: "I called for my friend, Michael, but he wasn't in. So I drove up the road and I stopped, reversed and a loud bang came up. The van went out of control and was lifted off the ground."

The attack is likely to lead to renewed pressure for the political representatives of loyalist terrorists to be expelled from the Stormont talks. The loyalist fringe parties have insisted that the ceasefire declared in October 1994 by the Combined Loyalist Military Command is still in place. The Government

has supported the claim, despite attacks in December and earlier this month. The bomb in Larne came

hours after the IRA attacked a police station in the nationalist Short Strand area of East Belfast. Terrorists fired two "coffee jar" bombs at a lookout post guarding the heavily fortified Mountpottinger police station yesterday morning. Nobody was injured and the station was hardly damaged, although a woman was taken to hospital with a suspected heart attack and the windows of nearby houses were shattered in the blasts shortly after

Republican sympathisers have launched an "electronic bombing" campaign against the Democratic Unionist Party's Web site on the Internet The DUP's site, which has cartoons lampooning Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein president, has been bombarded with thousands of e-mail messages to prevent genuine users gaining access.

Most of the messages were identical and some used abusive language to attack the DUP. One said: "What do you think you are, you Orange

The DUP last night posted a "business as usual" message on its site. Peter Robinson, the party's deputy leader who ures in a cartoon on the DUP site surfing across waves with the Rev Ian Paisley, said he was planning to dump the messages on to a "well-known



Prize-winning French cartoonist draws serious lessons from Ulster battlelines

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

A FRENCH cartoon strip depicting the conflict in Northern Ireland has been awarded a prize by French radio journalists and is tipped to win France's comic book equivalent of an Oscar next week.

There is nothing funny about Chiens de Fusil (Gun Dogs). The cartoonist Christian Lacroix, not to be confused with the fashion designer, depicts a Roman Catholic family in West Belfast torn apart by sectarian

Lacroix, 48, who signs himself Lax, said yesterday that his aim was partly to counterbalance his country's idealised image of the IRA. "In

IRA as romantic, a Catholic minority fighting for liberty. I tried not to take sides, to give a neutral

Lacroix spent several weeks in Northern Ireland researching the book and talking with Catholic and Protestant families in Belfast. "When I first came to Northern Ireland two years ago, I was struck by the contrast between the beauty of the countryside and the friendliness of the people on hand and, on the other, the military infrastructure, the checkpoints, the barbed wire," he

On Monday Chiens de Fusil was awarded the Prix de la Bande Dessinée de l'Actualité, a current Dermot asks. We share the same

affairs cartoon strip prize by jurists at France Info radio station: Critics say that it has a good chance of winning the Alpha prize, the top award at the annual comic book festival at Angonlême next week.

The strip tells the simple, and sometimes simplistic tale of Dermot Doherty, a painter whose father is murdered by B Specials and whose brother. Denis becomes an IRA Denis kills three British soldiers

and is killed by the security forces, while Dermot's Protestant friend, Stephen Molloy, joins the IRA and dies on hunger strike in

"Why do we fight each other?"

country, we wear the same clothes, like the same music." His girlfriend adds: "And we drink the same beer." But Dermot, who resembles an unkempt Gerry Adams, is dragged into the conflict in the wake of the

Enniskillen bombing. While France remains devoted to the tales of Asterix and Tintin, there is also an increasing interest in comic book actuality, cartoon strips that tell realistic stories.

Lacroix who left advertising to draw cartoon strips ten years ago, has also dealt with such subjects as the fast of the Romanian dictator in Indo-China. He is working on a

John Shaw, Adele Burleigh and their five-month-old daughter, Shauna Rose, after their van was blown up Vigilante patrol against joyriders stamps IRA authority on West Belfast

VIGILANTES equipped with spiked chains and walkietalkies have begun a clamp-down on car thieves in West Belfast as the IRA attempts to tighten its control of republi-

Hundreds of masked men set up mini-roadblocks in the Poleglass and Twinbrook areas in an attempt to mete out republican justice to the "joyriders" who menace the city.

The vigilantes, who refuse to be named, deny that they

that they are controlled by the republican leadership. There are clear signs, however, that the so-called residents' groups set up to tackle joyriders are orchestrated by the leaders of the movement.

The widespread public anger about the joyriders, who put lives at risk and disturb residents with their highspeed races, has been exploited to strengthen republican authority. Republican leaders hope that the patrols will send

Gangs of masked men who took to the streets at the weekend may have created more concern for the RUC than for the young car thieves they were after, Nicholas Watt reports

and to their own community that the IRA is in control of West Belfast, where its influence declined during the

The RUC faces a formidable

the resumption of IRA terrorism. Officers who conducted patrols in ordinary panda cars during the ceasefire have returned to armour plated Land Rovers and are usually accom-

Friday night, included known members of Sinn Fein. Up to 200 people congregated at a service station on the Stewartstown Road at about midnight. They waited until just after 2am when the order was given to launch the patrois. One group set off around the sprawling Twinbrook es-

tate, the others headed for the hardine Polegiass area. As the republicans arrived

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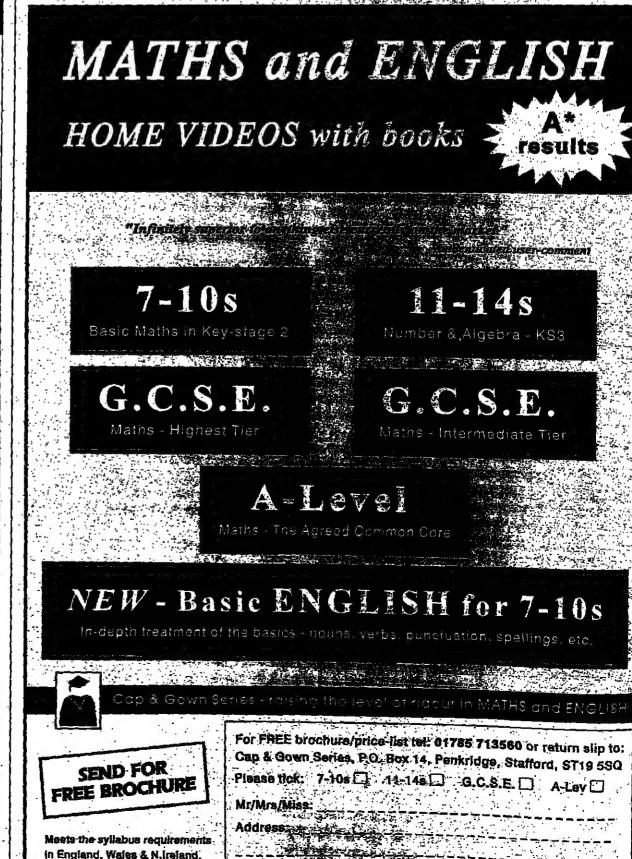
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Scotland's leading peer embarrasses health minister with attack on treatment of NHS

Vote Labour, urges duke whose brother is Tory MP

By GILLIAN BOWDERCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

voting records. Although I do

not want to see the Conserva-

tives back in office, I hope

Yesterday Lord James was

prepared only to point out that his brother could not vote in

the election, a fact cheerfully acknowledged by the duke. "Unfortunately we in the

House of Lords, along with

lunatics and bankrupts, don't

The duke has been entitled

James retains his seat."

have the vote."

THE premier peer of Scot-land, the Duke of Hamilton and Brandon, has backed the Labour Party in a surprise move which will do nothing to calm the nerves of his brother, the Conservative minister Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, who faces a tough battle to

The duke, Angus Alan Douglas Douglas Hamilton, who succeeded his father in 1973, is deeply disillusioned with the Conservatives' stewardship of the National Health Service. There's only one way to get rid of the Tories and that's to vote Labour," he

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said.

The duke, who lives in EastLothian close to the magnificent family seat of Lennoxlove, said he was desperately wor-ried about another long period of Tory rule, in the same way as he was worried about more socialism in 1979. "There are a number of reasons for voting Labour. To me the most

repair at least some of the damage done to the NHS in burgh West for 22 years but the past 17 years."

The duke, 58, said: "I'm on The duke insisted there was

my way to see some people. who have just come out of hospital and they should still be in hospital I think what is happening to the NHS is appalling it's the most frightening thing.

The Conservatives have to the conservative have th

tally closed minds on this issue. There is no way they will listen to reason."

The duke is the first Scottish hereditary peer openly to sup-port the Labour Party, which has given him a subdued welcome. His comments fol-low those of the Bishop of Edinburgh, the Most Rev Richard Holloway, who recently wrote an article in support of Labour. The duke's comments are

to sit in the Lords since 1973, but has not taken his seat for the current Parliament. He unlikely to please the Scottish made his maiden speech in Office, where his brother Lord 1976 and is a crossbencher James, 54, is minister of state who has never taken the with responsibility for home Conservative whip. Although important is that they may affairs and health. He has he has voted with the Conser-

vatives on some issues, he has more often voted against

has a majority of only 879. The duke insisted there was According to a spokesworn-an for the House of Lords, he no animosity between them. "I'm sure he respects my views has not attended since 1990 as I respect his. James is the . and, in the year before that. most hard-working constituattended only three times out of a possible 147. Labour intends to abolish ency MP, with one of the best

the voting rights of hereditary peers in the second chamber. The duke said: "I think it is very difficult to justify hereditary privileges. My only fear is that they will reform the House of Lords and make it

The Douglas-Hamiltons are the cream of the Scottish aristocracy, able to trace their roots back to the 13th century. The first duke, a descendant of Mary, Queen of Scots, led an army into England on behalf of Charles I, but was overpowered and beheaded at Whitehall in 1649.

The duke, who is the 15th Duke of Hamilton and the 12th Duke of Brandon, holds





Lord James, right, faces a battle to save his Edinburgh West seat. His brother

14 subsidiary titles, including Hereditary Keeper of the Pal-ace of Holyroodhouse and Hereditary Abbot of Arbroath. He is the only British aristo-crat who holds a Scottish, an English and a French dukedom.

It is not the first time that the duke has embarrassed his Conservative brother. He has

five convictions for drink driving and, in 1993, was banned from driving for eight years. Lord James was the Scottish Office minister for transport at

Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary, said that the duke's remarks on the health service were "particularly ex-traordinary" as there had

been extra spending in real terms, and the Government was committed to this extra spending in the course of the next Parliament.

The duke appears to have failed to notice that Labour has yet to make that particular commitment." he said.

Brown speech, page 10 ing to an army document.

Navy to introduce random drug tests

By MICHAEL EVANS

THE Royal Navy is to introduce random drug testing from April I after two years of successful checks by the Army. A team of four inspec-tors will carry out random checks on Royal Navy and Royal Marines units on opera-

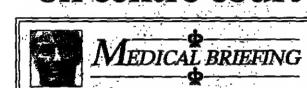
tion anywhere in the world. The Navy carried out a two-year trial and, although it found only two cases of drug-taking among 3,000 personnel, the Navy Board decided to introduce a formal programme. Last year there were ten drugs convictions of navy personnel at courts martial.

The RAF is the only armed service not to have a policy of compulsory drugs checks. Last year 18 RAF personnel were discharged over drugs offences.

Twelve soldiers from The Black Watch have been given administrative discharges after failing drug tests.

☐ More than 100 British troops in Bosnia-Herzegovina contract sexually transmitted diseases each month, accord-

The dangers of losing your cool on centre court



Dr Thomas Stuttaford

WHILE people in Britain were dying of the cold last week, Australian Open tennis players in Melbourne were running around in temperatures that rose to 127F. Steffi Graf needed treatment for mild heat exhaustion and was unable to give post-match interviews after she was beaten by the lean and muscular Amanda Coetzer, who was possibly inused to the condi-

the South African sun. Two common heat disorders are heatstroke and heat exhaustion. Heat exhaustion. which affected Graf, is the less serious of the two and gives plenty of warming. The suffer-er becomes thred, loses muscular power, starts to sweat copiously and begins to lose concentration disabilities in convenient for a tourist, but disastrous for a termis player. As heat exhaustion progresses, the sufferer become increasingly tired before, in

some cases, fainting. Heatstroke is altogether. more serious because the body's defence against excessive heat - sweating - is either absent or grossly di-minished and the body's core temperature rises to danger-

ous levels. As it does so, the

Coetzer: raised under

respiratory rate rises alarmingly and the sufferer may have convulsions and, eventually, circulatory collapse.

Heat exhaustion can be prevented by treating the dehydration that is caused by excessive fluid loss through sweating. Youth, athletic fitness, a slim figure, little alcohol and time taken to to protect athletes from the sequences of playing unaccustomed temperatures.

It is no longer fashionable to take sait tablets as they can upset the stomach and cause more trouble than they prevent. However, large quanti-ties of cool, slightly salty drinks are recommended. If players are going to be exany length of time, the blood levels of other trace elements such as magnesium, potassium and calcium should also be checked and corrected.

After the event, the exhausted athlete should be given frequent small amounts of cool saline drinks and encouraged to lie down; if they are feeling faint, the feet should be raised slightly to be higher than the head. Sufferers rarely need to be cooled artificially, as sweating keeps their core body temperature at normal levels. Intravenous therapy to restore blood levels is rarely needed in cases of heat

After heatstroke, however, the patient needs rapid emer-gency cooling to bring down sion to hospital.

A third condition, heat cramp, can afflict those playing games in very hot wea-ther. The extremely painful muscle condition is the result blood-salt (sodium) levels, and can be prevented by taking frequent sips of weak saline drinks.

Graf jail threat, page 13 the South African sun

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Brown secured maximum impact for announcement designed to outflank the Tories

How inner circle plotted tax declaration in secret

ONLY seven people knew at the start of last week that Gordon Brown would announce to millions of radio listeners yesterday that Labour would not raise the standard or top rates of tax for at least five years. Secrecy was paramount if

the disclosure was to make maximum impact and take the Tories by surprise, Military planning and a measure of subterfuge were essential.

A summit between the Shadow Chancellor and Tony Blair at the Labour leader's Islington home on Sunday, January 5, cleared the way. It was at that meeting that Mr Brown finally agreed with Mr Blair's view that raising the top rate of tax would give the wrong signal of Labour's in-tentions. Mr Brown had for months flirted with the idea of bringing in a 50p rate for those earning more than £100,000 a

In return Mr Blair agreed with Mr Brown that he should have the maximum room for manoeuvre on areas other than personal tax rates. Mr Brown is not expected to rule out other ways of raising money. At the launch of the new Labour campaign document the following Wednesday the air was heavy with hints that there would be no

On Friday, January 10, Mr

Brown. Ed Balls, his senior economic adviser, and Charlie Whelan, his press secretary. agreed that they should get the tax announcements out, along with the new tough spending framework, as swiftly as possible. Yesterday's speech to the Labour finance and industry group was the obvious place to

The strategy was readily endorsed at a meeting in Mr Blair's office last Monday. By then the prospect of an early election was gaining ground and the leadership wanted its "no higher personal taxes" message in front of the voters for as long as possible, It also wanted to blunt a new Tory campaign accusing it of dith-

The Shadow Cabinet at its meeting last Wednesday was given a broad outline of Mr Brown's programme of speeches, but nothing to sugst that he was planning his tax announcement yesterday. Mr Brown was behaving with all the circumspection of a Chancellor in office. Political correspondents

had been led to believe that his speech would cover spending and that the tax news would be saved up for a later address at the end of February. The reality was very differ-

ent. Mr Brown and his staff spent most of the weekend in his office just off Westminster

Hall preparing and executing their operation. On Sunday night it was time to tell the Shadow Cabinet. He telephoned all of them, swearing them to secrecy. The handful he failed to reach were told

yesterday morning. In his speech. Mr Brown made the following main

Tax rates: A Labour government would use the tax system to encourage employment and opportunity. "We want to send the clearest possible signal that we want to encourage employment and work, not penalise it. The Conservatives try to claim that Labour will penalise work and success by raising taxes. Nothing could be further from the truth. Because we want to encourage work, and after 22 tax rises since 1992 which have hit hard-working families, I want to make clear that a Labour government will not increase the basic rate of tax.

"It is because we understand the importance of work that there will be no return to penal marginal tax rates at the top. As a signal of the importance we attach to rewarding work, I want to make clear that I will not increase the top rate of tax."

He added: "My tax cutting ambition is to introduce a new lower starting rate of tax of 10 pence to encourage work to and to help all hard-working

VAT and tax dodgers: "In 1994. I reaffirmed that we would not extend VAT to food, children's clothes, books and newspapers and public transport. That remains the position . . . We will continue the Treasury's assault on tax loopholes, abuses and anomalies.

Windfall Tax "As I have made clear, this is a one-off measure which affects only the privatised utilities. I can confirm that the levy will be introduced in a first Labour Budget."
Public Spending: The new

manifesto would include no new spending commitments. In the first year of a Labour government, departmental ministers would have to overhaul their existing budgets. The overriding spending issue for a Labour government will not be whether to spend an extra El billion here or there but whether we are using the existing £300 billion of total public spending efficiently and in a way which meets Labour priorities."

Savings: "In government we will introduce a new Individual Savings Account to promote long-term saving. Tax relief would be geared to encouraging savers to invest in the long term, with relief becoming available after a period of years."



Gordon Brown: "I want to make clear that a Labour government will not increase the basic rate of tax"

decisions for man at No

BY JANET BUSH ECONOMICS EDITOR

plans laid out in November's Budget will be extremely hard to meet, whether the man with the keys to 11 Downing Street after the election is Kenneth Clarke or Gordon Brown.

The independent Institute for Fiscal Studies described Mr Clarke's Budget plans as "bopelessly tight", a view widely shared by City economists who argue that difficult decisions will have to made on spending, whichever party

The long-range path of spending set by Mr Clarke represents an unprecedented ly tight squeeze on the public purse. Over the lifetime of the current Conservative Government, averge growth in govper cent a year. But spending over the four years is assum to grow by just 1.3 per cent id. total, an annual average of

little more than 0.3 per cent. Economists at Deutsche Morgan Grenfell noted that the current Government's record on controlling spending has been good but even the tough regime imposed by Mr Clarke and William Waldegrave, his lieutenant at

get spending plans look even more difficult to hit when Mr Clarke's economic forecasts, particularly his prediction of inflation, are taken into

Mr Clarke assumes inflation to be only 2 per cent in the fiscal year starting in April right through to the millennium, a full I per cent lower than he had expected previ-ously. Economists at HSBC James Capel calculate that the Chancellor would have had to cut spending by £2.5 billion in 1997-98 and by £3.5 billion in each of the following three years simply to leave real spending where it was

In addition, the November Budger contained some imagpublish very tight spending plans but which have excited

Defence married quarters and the student loan book which counted as negative spending. They cut spending plans by E700 million and EL7

illion respectively. Then there was the "Spend to Save" plan, aimed at reduc ing fraud and tax evasion this would cost £300 million over the next three yers but is predicted to recoup folia

Although the City broadly agreed that "Spend to Save" is a good idea, economists were very doubtful that the Goverament would achieve the savings that its public spend

the Institute for Fiscal Studthese hoped-for savings into

Skilful speech leaves room for manoeuvre

-ordon Brown has set himself demanding tax and spending objectives as Chancellor. On the face of it, holding public spending within existing tairgets for the next two years and avoiding any increase in the basic and top rates of tax looks too good to be true. So it will be unless Mr Brown can change, entrenched Labour attitudes on public spending, though he has left himself with more room for manueuvre than yesterday's Iron Chancellor headlines implied

Mr Brown's speech was a skilfully orchestrated attempt to reassure financial markets and the public Bot have credible are Labour claims to hold spending within tight-limits when the Tories have only succeeded in doing so by introducing measures to car social security emitlements which Labour has opposed? indeed, the Government's plans for 1998-99 assume fire ther cutbacks of the same type, while yesterday's rumblings from union leaders introde how hard it will be to consume the current tight squeeze on public sector pay. And as many commentators and take Commons Treasury commit-tee would add, the Covern ment's existing spending plans rely on over-optimistic assumptions and may be very

hard to achieve. In the immediate afterman of the election, Labour sais succeed in holding devia spending for the year sixting this April: the real problem

will be over 1998-99. Mr Brown's promise to suck to existing plans for that year is intended to prevent argu-ments about increasing the must and instead to focus departments on reflocating spending within Budgets. This will be accompanied by a comprehensive redew of the allocation of resources by the Cabiners' EDX committee chaired by the Chancellor and backed by a ream of Treasury officials. This sounds rather like what the resources in increases. like what the original think-tank the Central Policy Re-view Staff did in the 1970s

To achieve these aims will require cuts in some pro-grainmes to pay for expanded health, education and other priority areas. Where: Some ideas have been put forward in education, such as abolishing the Assisted Places Scheme and switching money for the over-los But Labour has yet to show it would be as mugh as Peter, Lilley has been in social security indeed, the party has protested at every attempt to secure savings. Mr Brown is stronger on his commitment to "radical" reform of the welfare state" than on the details. The other route is to in-

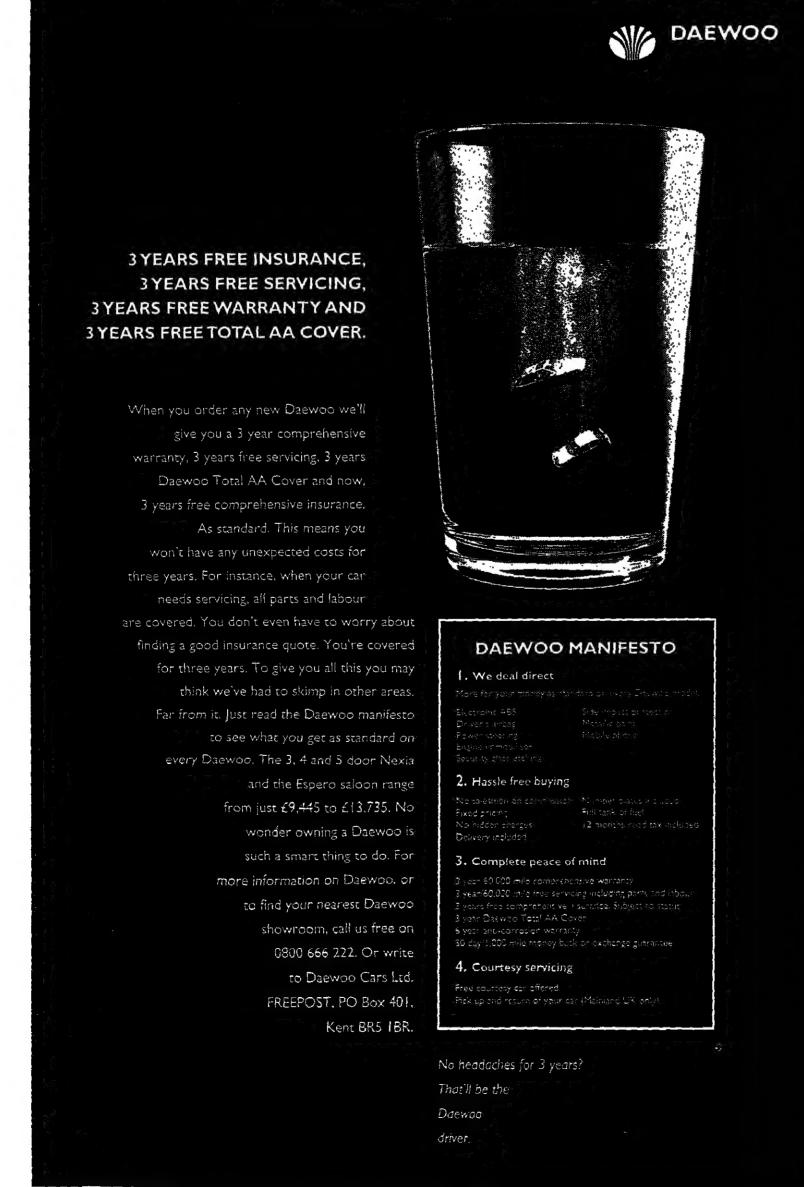
crease private financing of public services. Mr Brown yesterday predictably criti-cised privatisation but then argued that the public interest did not always have to involve public spending but could be

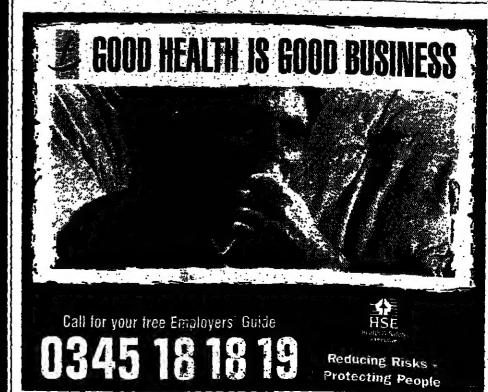
in partnership with the private sector. He gave the examples not only of transport infrastructure but also of the proposed University of Industry. In practice, Labour will have go down the road of private financing in education and welfare which the present Government has begun

Mr Brown was careful to limit his tax pledges to the symbolically important areas of income tax rates and ruling out VAT extensions. But as Tory strategists were pointing out - and they should know given the Covernment's record since 1992 - that leaves plenty of ways to raise taxes.

to continue the holes, abuses and anomalies started in the last Budget but refused to make "blanket commitments" on the 200 tax exemptions, reliefs and allowances in the system before "we know the true state of the public finances". He prudently avoided any comment on the future tax burden. Nonetheless, his speech seeks to make the next Labour government different from any of its predecessors in its spending and tax performance. Whether he succeeds will depend not just onhis will - which is not in doubt - but on whether his colleagues accept these constraints. That would really be proof that Labour is a "new" party. It is still an act of faith.

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A man's home is his castle, say bugging row peers

POLICE should be required to seek independent authorisa-tion before entering and bugging a person's home except in an emergency, the House of Lords was told yesterday.

Lord McIntosh of Haringey. Labour's deputy leader in the Lords; said that serious criminals must be be pursued. but the principle that an Englishman's home is his castle must also be preserved.

Opening the report stage debate on the Government's Police Bill, Lord McIntosh said that Labour had recognised some of the arguments against the Bill and as such had last week laid amendments to change it. Labour had previously given its unqualified support.
What is fundamental is

that there should be not just independent judicial authority for intrusive surveillance butthat it should be in advance. This is the difference between us and the Government," he

Labour's amendments would ensure prior authorisation for bugging of any premises rather than only a person's home. But Lord McIntosh added: "We recognise that from time to time there must arise occasions

emergency action, where there is simply no time to go to a judge for approval before intrusive surveillance takes place."

He said that the Liberal Democrat amendment for prior authorisation to be given by one of 540 circuit judges, would not work. They would not have to necessary experience of a handful of appointed commissioners, likely to be High Court judges, who would develop the expertise to make the decisions.

Lord McIntosh praised the

Government's new amendments. "But they do not provide for the fundamental principle of prior judicial authorisation which is critical to our civil liberties in this country . . . We are concerned not just that serious crime should be pursued but also that we should preserve the principle that the Englishman's home is his castle and that officers of the State have no right to intrude into that home without some independent justification and indepen-

dent authority." Lord Rodgers of Quarry Bank, for the Liberal Democrats, said that a handful of commissioners would not be enough to handle the likely

1995, 1,300 bugging authorisa-tions were given. This pro-cess is cumbersome, unreliable and slow and would be unlikely to work."

He also criticised Labour's plan to give the commissioners the dual role of both authorising intrusive surveil-lance then reviewing their own decisions. Lord Rodgers said that his amendment, giving circuit judges the job of giving prior authorisation, was clear, simple and nar-row. He denied that the judges would lose their impartiality by getting involved in an investigation, nor would they be too busy, nor would they have to have any practical

experience.
"One of our traditions, one of our freedoms is that the Englishman's home is his castle. If two traditions conflict, it is surely the freedom of the individual that should

Lord Callaghan of Cardiff agreed with the Government that the police's right to use intrusive surveillance should be given statutory authority. But he insisted that chief constables should be required to get prior authorisation from an independent authority. "If the Security Service, the



Uneasy listening: Lords from all sides oppose use of surveillance equipment without independent authorisation

GCHQ [the intelligence gathering agency are required to seek warrants before they invade private premises, why should the police be the only service excluded that duty?"

Lord Browne-Wilkinson, a senior Law Lord, challenged the Government's view that intrusive surveillance was already lawful and that the Bill simply gave the action a statutory basis. He said the Bill took away an individual's right to freedom from state interference in his property.

Lord Hutchinson of Lui-

lington, a senior Liberal Democrat lawyer, said: "Big Brother has finally arrived." He emphasised that under the Bill, the police would be able to bug anyone connected to a case, even if they were not suspected of a crime.

Lord Carr of Hadley, a former Tory Home Secretary, said that like Lord Callaghan he had been appalled to discover how much bugging had gone on with out his knowledge when he was in office. He called for reform but said the government Bill went wide of the mark. "The police must not have sole responsibility for doing these awful deeds without judicial authority. If we allow it to go ahead, there is a strong chance that in 20 years from now our successors will look back and regard what we did as something of which we ought to be thoroughly ashamed."

Lord Marsh, a cross-bencher, and former Labour Cabinet minister, was one of the few to back Mr Howard. He said he was deeply concerned house had in the police service. There are bad eggs but there are bad judges," he said. "We now face crime on an extraordinary scale — we are not dealing with small group of petty criminals but with organised crime, terrorists and money launderers on a worldwide scale."

He begged the Lords to trust the police. "Police are risking their lives. If we have a lack of faith in our officers then we should be looking at a complete reorganisation of the

Police seek powers for usual practice

BY STEWART TENDLER CRUME CORRESPONDENT

POLICE would have full powers to enter private property. plant bugging devices and tap conversations in the pursuit of serious crime under the provi-sions of the Police Bill.

Police have carried out bugging operations for years, but with no statutory basis. They have been required to obtain authorisation from a chief constable or an assistant chief

A confidential Home Office memorandum issued in 1984 says that police must believe they are dealing with a threat to life, suspects linked to serious or organised crime or the economic well-being of the nation. They must also believe that there is no other way of getting the information they

At present if a police officer were discovered breaking in he could face a civil action for trespass or criminal prosecu-tion for malicious damage. A break-in is a criminal offence only if it can be proved that there is intention to steal.

The Bill is intended to put covert surveillance by Customs, the RUC and the 43 police forces in England and Wales on a similar basis to that of M15, which, under the Security Service Act, can obtain warrants to enter houses. The crucial difference be-

tween the two is that M15 officers will need the warrant of the Home Secretary before they can break into a person's home and plant listening devices and cameras.

The police powers will be The Criminal Bar Association has subject only to the scrutiny of a argued: "In all other areas where commissioner, and unless the critics of the Bill have their way, this will take place after a warrant has been issued.

In London Scotland Yard has used break-ins regularly. Many chief constables in pro-vincial forces say they authorise such actions very infrequently. Last year they united to press for legalisation after MI5 was given powers to break in and bug. Chief constables feared that the service would take over police work.

pponents predict new law will face string of challenges

BY FRANCES GHIB LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

CRITICS of the Police Bill have predicted a spate of legal challenges when it becomes law. They fear that bugging will be "the thin end of the wedge" and that the Bill will encourage the police to use more covert activities to achieve

Police and prosecutors have already been stretching the margins of what they can do in the legitimate pursuit of serious criminals. Earlier this year the House of Lords condoned police surveillance prac-

tices by holding, in the case of Sultan Khan, that a tape-recording could be used in evidence although the bugging device had been placed by police who had been trespassing. Under the Bill, police would have statutory backing in such a case and would not be regarded as trespassers. Police obtained permission to bug

the home of one of two men suspected of killing Grant Price, an accountant kidnapped in a car park and left to die on a Hampshire beach. The tapes convinced the jury that the men were guilty of murder. In the private prosecution for murder brought by the parents of

taxing -

Stephen Lawrence, the teenager stabbed at a bus stop in southeast London, video surveillance from inside the home of a suspect was shown in committal proceedings. The trial collapsed, however, and the tanes were not seen by a jury.

Police have been heavily criticised, however, for some operations involving bugging. Colin Stagg, who was charged with the murder of Rachel Nickell on Wimbledon Common, was acquitted after a judge ruled that an operation that involved bugging of conversations with an undercover policewoman amounted to entrapment, and was

therefore unlawful. The problem was not the bugging itself, but the way the undercover police officer sought to persuade Stagg to confess to the crime and the use that police then made of the conversations.

Courts have been swift to condemn such activities. But there is concern that they may be less willing to intervene when police have the backing of statute. Similarly, fraud investigators

have encountered difficulties after using their powers to compel suspects to answer questions, under threat of imprisonment, and then using the evidence obtained against them. The European Court of Human Rights ruled that the rights of Ernest Saunders, former chairman of Guinness, had been violated by Department of Trade inspectors who acted in this way.

The court ruled that the use of the self-incriminating material by the inspectors was a breach of human rights. But if bugging yields incrimi-nating evidence, and it is held to be admissible under the Police Bill, will it strengthen the hand of fraud investigators?

The provisions of the Police Bill have been compared with the European Convention of Human Rights

the state is empowered to interiere with the privacy of the individual. the sanction of a judge, a magistrate or the Secretary of State is required. This applies to search warrants, warrants issued under section two of the Interception of Communications Act and orders under section nine of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 allowing seizure of certain material." Without such safeguards, the prospect of chal-lenges in Europe looks increasingly likely.

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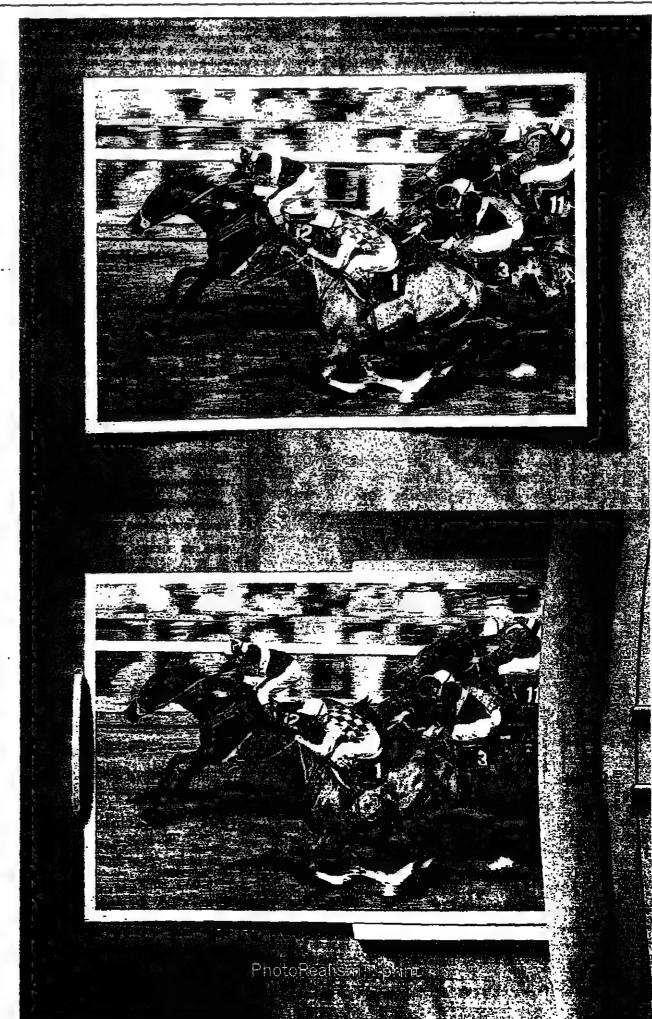
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Show of power by Paris-Bonn axis outflanks Britain

From Charles Bremner in Brussels

GERMANY and France yesterday brushed off Britain's conditions for a multispeed Europe in a show of force that underlined the gulf that divides London from the big EU powers in the drive to revamp the Maastricht treaty.

The German and French foreign ministers put aside current strains in the Bonn-Paris axis to stage a joint appearance in support of a scheme to allow EU states to pursue deeper integration even if others objected. "No member state should be able to block the way ahead by means of the veto," said Klaus Kinkel, the German minister:

David Davis, the British minister for Europe, riposted with the Government's long-standing demand that each project for deeper integration must have the unanimous approval of members. "The EÙ is not a franchise operation." he said. If new joint actions could be launched simply by a majority. "this would act as a veto bypass, and that is not acceptable," he

Yesterday's exchanges, at the first session on the issue now at the heart of the treaty negotiations, dampened optimism sparked by declarations by John Major earlier this month that Britain's qualms over the EU could be settled through a formula for a multispeed Europe. Mr Davis appeared to scotch speculation

around the Continent that Mr Major would accept a compromise that would remove the veto from initiatives in certain

Under Dutch chairmanship, the EU is aiming to produce a new treaty, setting the scene for enlargement to the east, at a summit in Amsterdam in June. Tony Blair has made it clear that, if elected, he would demand the same terms for a multitrack

The 15 ELI states effectively divided into two broad camps. A majority, led by Bonn and Paris, sees a veto-free flexibility clause as a way of "moving ahead" in voluntary arrangements for common action in such fields as immigration control, defence and economic policy, by sidestepping the potential objections of Britain

The Franco-German tandem will be the engine for further European integration," said Herr Kinkel. However, Britain, backed to some extent by Sweden, Denmark. Portugal and Greece, is worried that the system will promote a hard core of federal-minded states which act to the detriment of the others. Setting out British terms for backing any flexibility scheme, Mr Davis rejected the doctrine that all states would eventually join in deeper integration.

Italy yesterday presented its

own variation on the theme. calling for decision by qualified majority and a big role for the Commission. Like its southern neighbours. Rome is worried about being left out of a central EU core, clustered around Germany, which will be reinforced with monetary union. With tensions already running high over the march to the single currency, there are signs of growing resentment across the EU towards what is seen as Germany's

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increasing assertiveness. France has fallen foul of Bonn with its insistence on a the power of the future European Central Bank, the steward of the euro. Hervé de Charette, the French Foreign Minister, yesterday played down the dispute and repeatedly stressed Paris's devotion to its partnership with the Germans and the health of their alliance.

Herr Kinkel said he was optimistic that Britain would come round to a compromise and that great allowance should be made for the immi-nent elections. The United Kingdom needs time," he said. He said he had been shocked by the furore in Britain over his remarks last month on Britain's need to decide what it wanted in Europe. "I have always been the one to say that the United Kingdom belongs to Europe ... it is part of



Employees of Credit Foncier attending a meeting in the bank's headquarters yesterday at which they voted to continue with their occupation

Paris: The French Govern-Mediator tackles bank siege ment appointed a mediator to try to end the occupation of the Crédit Foncier de France

building and refused to allow hank's headquarters in Paris their bosses to leave, includvesterday, as talks broke down and workers held seing the governor and four nior bank officials hostage for

With allied unions and a fourth consecutive day (Ben won etallists now The siege, by employees supporting the protesters, the demanding that the Govern-ment abandon a plan to break dispute is turning into a fresh nightmare for Alain Juppe, up and sell off the indebted bank, started on Friday when the Prime Minister, who yesterday appointed Philippe 500 workers moved into the

the railways, to explore ways of breaking the deadlock. Jérôme Meyssonnier, the captive governor, broke off discussions with the unions esterday and announced that he now considered himself a prisoner of his staff.

He is free to do anything he wants, except leave." one union leader said. More than 1,000 of Credit

pointments at the bank. Unions say the Government's proposals will mean the los Foncier's 3,000 strong work-force converged on the bank of hundreds of jobs. yesterday to oppose the Govwas looking for a way to avoid breaking up the bank, but said he could not continue ernment's plans to sell off the

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illegal union show of force.

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Chirac key objective

From Ben Macintyre in paris

Chirac pledges judicial shake-up

Macintyre writes).

PRESIDENT Chirac last night promised a thorough overhaul of France's judicial system in a televised address aimed at restoring public faith in the legal process amid a host of corruption and party funding scandals.

M Chirac has declared that reconstructing the legal system will be one of the key reforms of his presidency, and he has emphasised the need to give the judiciary more independence and guarantee the presumed innocent.

Facing allegations of government interference in judicial investigations into Gaullist party, M Chirac said last month that the time had come for a separation of powers between the parquet, the state prosecution service, and the Government. The parquet is under the direct control of the Justice Ministry, which appoints and promotes magistrates and judges.

"I think that today we must seriously examine the possibility of making the public prosecutor's office independent of the Justice Minister," M Chirac said, conceding there were doubts over judicial freedom from political meddling.

The President will today formally

mission including lawyers, politicians and jurists, and probably headed by Pierre Truche, president of the Supreme Court. The commission will have six months to make recommendations for

changing and improving the legal system. The President also argued that the presumption of innocence was being consistently flouted", since the details of corruption allegations are usually published long before cases come to trial. His emphasis on "presumption of innocence may be a precursor to a clampdown on over-talkative investigating magistrates and the media.

Paris jeweller parts with £2m in gems for sack of funny money

rescue by the Government

muntle the rest.

BY BEN MACINTYRE

A TOP Paris jeweller was £2.6 million out of pocket and crippled with embarrassment yesterday after selling a fabulous array of gems for a sackful of cash that turned out to be "Walt Disney money".

The theft was set in train: two weeks ago, when two ing for an Arab prince ap-

plained that their employer wanted to "launder" his profits fitour arms dealing by buying the most expensive pieces in the shop

The jeweller, who has not been identified readily agreed and a handover was arranged for just Friday at midday in the italians susuptions suite at the Hotel Intercontinental, Place Vendome.

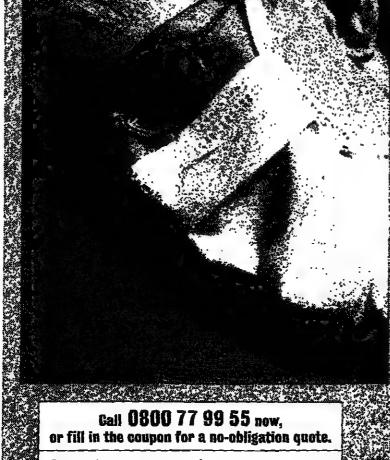
in exchange for a suitcase of . The thieves fied, presumably

tatives were handed a sack containing, at first glance, DM7 million (£2.5 million) in small denominations as a first instalment. The leweller's men left the

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Amazing.

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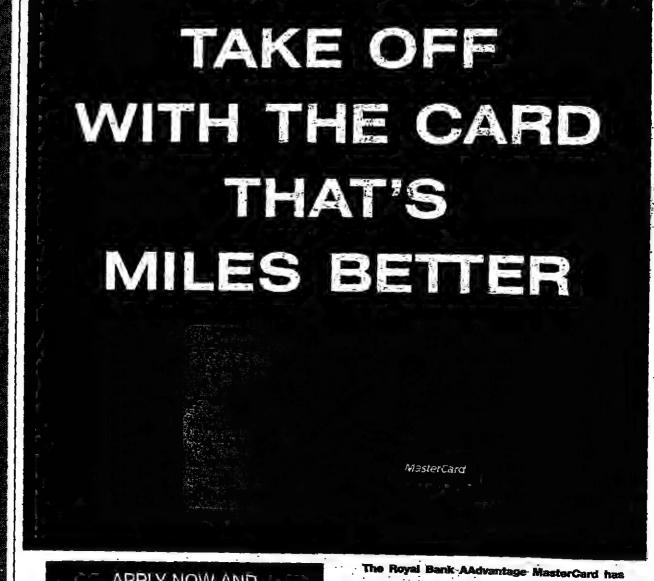
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TI-LE Israeli Government softened its stance yesterday on the future of the occupied Golan Heights as a concerned campaign was launched to profit by its pullout from Hebron and restart Israeli-

David Bar-Illan, the influential communications director to Binyamin Netanyahn, the Prime Minister, denied a report in Le Figuro, that he had told the French newspaper that the future of the Golan Heights — captured by Israel in 1967 -- was "absolutely not" negotiable.

In an attempt to clear the way for a rapid reopening of talks with Damascus and to defuse Syrian anger, prompted by the French report, Mr. Bar-Illan, said: "Netanyahu. never said the Golan is nonregotiable. We are eager to get back to the talks."

The issue of the strategic plateau, overlooking the Sea of Galilee, is crucial to the finure of stalled Israeli-Syrian talks. Since Mr Netanyahu's elec-tion last May, his hardline attitude on the area has been the main obstacle to the renewal of peace negotiations. They were broken off last February after a series of Islamic suicide bomb attacks against Jewish targets, giving rise to war jitters between Damascus and Jerusalem.

With his international and domestic standing boosted by the deal with the Palestinian Authority on Hebron, Mr Netanyahu told ABC television in an interview aimed at an American audience that he now thought Israel and Syria "will find a way" to resume the talks.

Both America and Egypt are closely involved in the new drive to engineer an Israeli-Syrian peace deal which US officials regard as the linchpin of any comprehensive peace in the Middle East.

All recent efforts to resume talks have foundered on the



that Syria would only return to the table if Israel honoured the pledge, given by the previous Labour Government, to hand back the whole of the Golan Heights.

President Clinton, who was sworn-in for a second term yesterday, is expected to meet separately with the leaders of Israel, Egypt and Jordan in coming weeks. Israeli officials said Israeli-Syrian peace talks would be high on the agenda.

The Tel Aviv paper, Yediot Aharonot, said: "Washington has started to explain and 'sell' the Hebron agreement to all Arab capitals, including Damascus. The main message it has been proven that Netanyahu is reliable, and can produce a parliamentary ma-jority despite. Cabinet pres-

Settlers say 'we will stay'

Hebron: About 2,000 setthere gathered here yester-day to mourn Israel's handover of the town to Palestinian forces whom the settlers called "murderers". The sombre gathering Palestinian relebrations et the weekend to mark their liberation from 30 years of occupation. Notm Arnon.

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in the [occupied] territories."

Egypt is already working to bring the two sides back to the table. It has suggested that Damascus would agree to resume talks if Mr Netanyahu, who has been the target of bitter attacks in the official Syrian media, accepts the general principle of "land for

Arab affairs correspondent, said: "From Cairo it was relayed that should Netan-yahu accept the proposal, President Mubarak would announce his willingness to visit Israel. Over the weekend, President Assad sent his deputy and his Foreign Minister to meet with President Mubarak in Cairo. This discussion lasted several hours and involved an analysis of the Hebron agreement, and the formulation for the resumption of talks between Israel and Syria."

, Ms Perry added that both the Syrian officials had relayed "a clear message" concerning Damascus's willing-ness to resume talks with Israel as soon as possible. One proposal is that they should start next month after the end of the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan and the ensuing The diplomatic efforts have

been boosted by cails from Yassir Arafat, the Palestinian Authority President, for a wider peace to follow the Hebron pullout. Damascus radio, meanwhile, disclosed that a full agreement with the previous Labour Government had been "near completion" at the time that the talks, conducted at Wye Plantation in Maryland, America, broke

The Israeli paper, Hauretz, said in an editorial after Israel's withdrawal from 80 per cent of Hebron that Syria should conclude that "the actions of the Netanyahu Government ... do not reflect its tough rhetoric".



Steffi Graf on her way to a crushing defeat in the Australian Open this week

Father's trial puts heavy strain on tennis superstar

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

GERMANY'S showcase trial approached its climax yesterday as defence lawyers plead-ed for a mild sentence on the father of Steffi Graf, 27, the

A verdict of tax evasion gainst Peter Graf, 60, is likely to be passed on Friday. The question nagging the Germans is what effect a tough jail term might have on his daughter, whose performance is already beginning to falter. A crushing defeat in the Australian Open marked only the second time in 12 years that she has failed to reach the quarter final in one of tennis's big four tournaments.

Sports coverage in the German press has started to think the unthinkable: that the era of Steffi Graf, Germany's most consistently successful sports star, may be coming to

At the heart of the problem, apart from the sheer physical wear-end-tear of so many years on the circuit, is the intimate relationship with her father. Peter Graf's lawyers said yesterday that his erratic handling of his daughter's taxes was not prompted by "crude self-interest", but rather was an attempt to shield her from an "excessive tax burden" that would have taken away up to three quarters

of her earnings.
The judge, Kurt Himmelsbach, a defence lawyer, said, should take into account the culpability of the German inland revenue, which acted slowly and in a way that seemed to encourage Herr Graf to believe that he was acting within the law. The prosecutors' demand for a six years nine months jail sentence was "immoderate".

partial guilt at the outset of the trial, served 15 months on remand before being released on bail. To stand a chance of walking free on Friday he would have to be given a seutence of 30 months or less. The trial has revealed much

about the inner workings of the international tennis circuit, but it stopped short of implicating Steffi Graf herself. Chiefly it exposed some of the weaknesses of her lather, a used car salesman drinking heavily, dependent on tranquillisers, imagining sults and taking umbrage

when sports officials failed to show him respect.

Steffi Graf played strongly throughout the trial, but friends said that she was bottling up her emotions. Her father shaped her in the classic manner of ambitious tennis fathers: he sawed the handle off a racket when his daughter was three years old and encouraged her to whack the ball around the living room using the sofa as a net. She received a pretzel for 20 consecutive good strokes, while 50 strokes was worth a

A biography, Rich Steffi, Poor Child: the Graf File, shows how Herr Graf used his daughter's success to bolster his own self-esteem and how he would occasionally stap her if she missed a shot.

The book and the trial evidence made upsetting reading for Germans who have come to view her as the model sportswoman. Part of the myth was that the perfect athlete should have a perfect family: as stories about Peter Graf's womanising filtered through to the public, it became obvious that that was

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FROM MICHAEL THRODOULOU IN NICOSIA

Turks warn Cyprus on bases

TURKEY yesterday threatened to build air and naval bases in northern Cyprus unless Greece abandons plans to establish facilities in the southern half of the island:

Greek Cypriot leaders in-sisted that they would not bow to Turkish pressure and accused Ankara of looking for new pretexts to keep tension high in the wake of a recent

"missile crisis".
"With air and navy bases, Greece is entrenching itself in southern Cyprus, and in the event that such activity continues work will begin to estab-lish in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus similar air

Double blow

to Serbian

apposition

Denktas, the visiting Turk-ish Cypriot leader, said in a statement in Ankara, Turkey has 30,000 troops in northem Cyprus.
Alexas Michaelides, Cy-

prus's Foreign Minister, said: "They are just trying to find new reasons to keep tensions high. For us there is one target, and that is the earliest possible engagement on [diplomatic] efforts to solve the Cyprus problem. We cannot waste time on

fence pact with Athens, is

Cyprus, which has a de-

warplanes in the event of hostilities with Turkey. Mr Michaelides said a naval base was still only at the planning

Diplomats said that Twkey's chief concern is that Greece is establishing a military presence on its southern Mr Deaktas arrived in Tur-

key yesterday for talks about Greek Cypriot plans to buy Russian anti-aircraft missiles. President Clerides of Cyprus had said that the \$300 missiles would not be delivered for at

Yeltsin leaves hospital as

FROM RICHARD BRESTON IN MOSCOW

Belgride: Serbian courts PRESIDENT YELTSIN Was have least opposition protesters a quible blow, suspending discharged from hospital last night and sent home to a rulng that declared the recuperate: from double governing Socialists had lost municipal elections in Belpneumonia and to start the recovery of his lost credibility as Russia's head of state. grade and handing them vic The ailing Russian leader. tory manother disputed poll, who has put in barely a week's work at his Kremiu in Serifa's second largest city. office since being re-elected

Spics join forces Tokyo: Japan launched the Defence Intelligence Head-quarters a unified military group, anding decades of frag-mented intelligence gathering and relance on information from Washington (Reuter)

King holiday

New York: Americans re-membered stain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr with chirch services and community projects. Their efforts were praised by King's widow, Corena Scott King. (AP)

Latvian resigns

Riga: Andris Shkele has resigned at Latvian Prime Minister after a row over the appointment as Finance Minister of a businessman who was investigated for an alleged conflict of interest (Reuter)

Lions 'safe'

Dar es Salam: Tanzanian authorities decied a claim by the World Society for the Protection of Animals that the lion population of Serengeti National Parkwas threatened by canine distenper. (AFP)

calls grow for resignation

As Mr Yeltsin will discover

when he does return to work. the political landscape in Russeven months ago, set off for sia has altered during his his country home where he will remain under medical supervision. Sergei Yastrzhembsky, his spokesman, said that Mr Yeltsin was getting better and could carry out a few hours' work a day. But there was no indication how soon the Russian leader would be

remain doubtful until he reappears in public.
One should not expect a forceful return of Boris Nikolayevich [Yeltsin] to full-time work, including a

able to resume his full duties

and most of the nation will

return to the Kremlin." the spokesman said. The Kremlin's cautious message did little to silence the growing chorus of criticism from noliticians and the public who are calling on the President to resign because he is unfit for

absence and has become far more hostile to his leadership. Last year the nation, including the Opposition, waited for the outcome of his heartbypass operation before deciding what tactics to employ against him. This time, however, there is a consensus that President Yeltsin will never fully recover from his ailments

and that a leadership contest

is inevitable. General Aleksandr Lebed has provided the most striking example of this change of

the past few weeks, he is back in the headlines, promising he will be President this year. His message is all the more galling for the Kremlin because he has taken his campaign abroad, first to Germany and now to America.

The other figure who has moved out of the shadows and into the spotlight is Yuri Luzhkov, the Mayor of Moscow, who is openly courting the nationalist vote. Last weekend he made a highly controversial visit to Sevastopol, the Crimean port city now part of Ukraine, which he claimed as Russian to the anger of the authorities in Kiev.

Aside from the succession race, President Yeltsin is being deserted by some of his most loyal allies, particularly in the liberal press. Two mass-circulation dailies, which supported him last year, have warned him that, unless he can resume his duties, he should make way for someone else.

Argentine relatives to visit Falklands

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

SOME members of families of tional Committee of the Red the 234 Argentine soldiers killed in the 1982 Falklands conflict arrive tomorrow for a controversial visit to the Argentine war cemetery. It will be only the second such visit.

Fifteen close relatives of the fallen soldiers will arrive at the British military base at Mount Pleasant on a charter llight from Rio Gallegos in southern Argentina. They will the Falklanders, staying for only one night at Darwin Lodge, a remote, disused tourist lodge that has stood empty for more than a year and has

Argentine next-of-kin, under the auspices of the Interna-

been refurbished for the visit.

The only previous large-scale visit was in 1991 by 354

A second group of relatives month. As a result of the continued Argentine claim to the islands. Argentine passport-holders are not normally allowed to enter the Falklands.

Cross. The immediate family of a pilot shot down during the fighting was allowed in when his body was discovered in October 1995. President Menem of Argen-

tina yesterday played down a report in an Argentine newspaper that he would ask President Clinton to mediate in his country's claim to the islands. On Monday Clarin, the biggest-selling paper, said he would raise the issue during Mr Clinton's visit to Buenos Aires in March. But Señor Menem said he would merely repeat a request made in Washington last December. dent Bush, that Washington should help on the sovereignty

question.
Guido Di Tella, the Argentine Foreign Minister, said yesterday he was optimistic relations with Britain would continue to return to normal on all matters except the

Russia seeks concessions from expanding Nato

FROM ROBIN LODGE IN MOSCOW

RUSSIA and Nato took the first wary steps yesterday towards establishing a new framework for relations at talks in Moscow between Yevgeni Primakov, the Russian Foreign Min-ister, and Javier Solana, the alliance's

Secretary-General However, there was no sign of a breakthrough on Moscow's object tions to Nato plans for expansion

develop the Nato-Russia relation-ship," John Lough, a spokesman for the alliance's Moscow office, said. "We are looking to reassure the Russians that culargement does not threaten Russia's interests."

The two sides are trying to reach agreement before the Nato summit in July, at which the alliance is expected to issue formal membership invitations to the Czeca Republic, Hungary

These include limits on the number of countries that will eventually join, delays in the enlargement schedule and a guaranteed say in issues affecting Moscow's 'vital interests'. The success of negotiations has also

resigned to the inevitability of this

first stage of Nato enlargement, it is

determined to wring as many conces-

sions from the alliance as possible.

been hampered by the absence of President Yeltsin, who was readmitted to hospital on January 8 with

presidential spokesman, said after yesterday's talks that the meeting was only a "prologue" and that expecta-tions should not be too high. Before the talks started, Nato

his multiple heart bypass operation.

Mr Yeltsin was discharged yesterday,

but is expected to spend several days

Sergei Yastrzhembsky, the Russian

convalescing.

officials said Senor Solana would be bringing a series of proposals on greater flexibility in arms control and increased military co-operation.

Chastened President pledges 'government that is smaller and lives within its means'

Clinton sets tone for new century with racial harmony plea

AND BRONWEN MADDOX

AMID the tightest security Washington has ever seen for a swearing-in ceremony, Bill Clinton intoned the 35 words of the presidential oath before turning to hug his wife. Hillary, and daughter, Chelsea.

The rest was pure pageantry, a morality play staged at the heart of the American capital, and one which comes as close to a coronation as the Constitution will permit.

For Mr Clinton, the first Democrat to be sworn in for a second term since Franklin Roosevelt and only the nineteenth President in the repub-lic's history, the 53rd inaugural ceremony was the climax of his triumphant comeback. After a turbulent first term, dogged by bitter partisan squabbling and inquiries into his public and private behaviour, his political ortunes seemed shattered two years ago when Republicans seized control of Congress for the first time in 40 years.

Before the swearing-in, the First Family attended a prayer service at the Metropolitan AME Church, a mainly black church in the heart of WashCEREMONY

with a vibrato rendition of Amazing Grace, the President's favourite song.

Later, on the steps of the Capitol, he slipped off his coat to take the oath from Chief Justice William Rehnquist. As cannon fired a salute, he turned and kissed his wife and daughter. Moments ealier Al Gore had taken the vicepresidential oath. He hopes to succeed Mr Clinton.

Mr Clinton, whose inauguration coincided with a natholiday to honour Martin Luther King, the as-sassinated black civil rights leader, made racial divisions his main theme. "Each new wave of immigrants gives new targets to old prejudices", but 'Americans must not succumb to the dark impulses that lurk in the far regions of the soul".

He also called for political harmony. To cheers, he pro-claimed that, although Americans had chosen a Democratic President and a Republican Congress, they would not tolerate "petty bickering".

The lessons of his first term were evident in the speech. Four years ago he emphasised

change". Yesterday, in sharp contrast, he promised "a government that is smaller, lives within its means, and does more with less". But at the same time, government should "stand up for our values and interests around

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In his conclusion, he returned to his favourite campaign metaphor of a bridge to the 21st century. "Let us build our bridge, wide enough and strong enough for every American to cross over to a blessed land of new promise."

mood of introspection as the first four years had failed to fulfil the expectations of so many loyal supporters. "It's much more subdued that it was in '93," said Joline Davis, who had travelled from Austin, Texas, for the occasion. "I think we had all hoped for so much more.

The view was one which has been repeated throughout Washington in recent days. The President's popularity is the highest it has ever been. The economy is strong. But many remain unsure of what, if anything, Mr Clinton hopes to achieve in his new term.

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Brake applied to highway star FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK



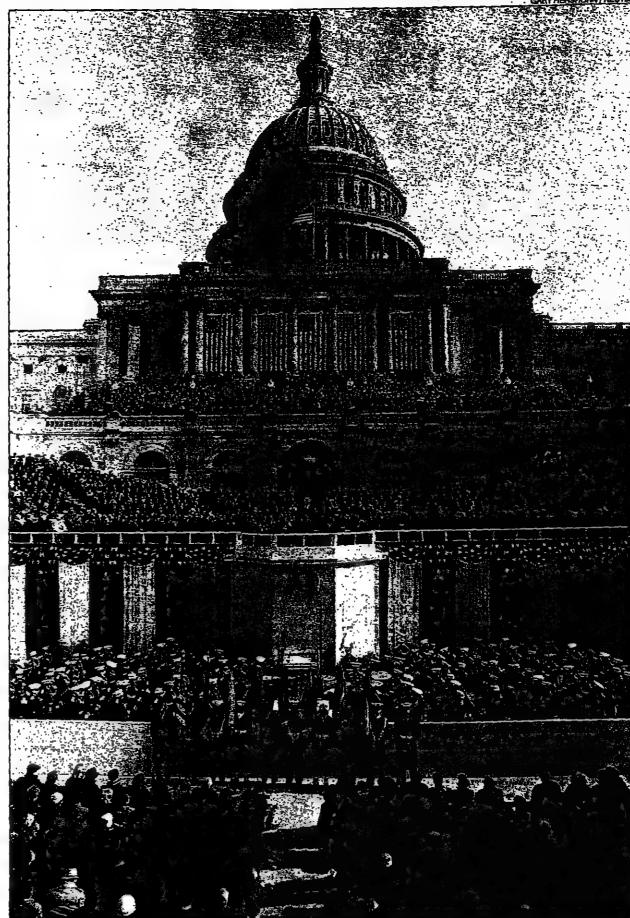
Goldberg: in time

IT TOOK the level-headed highway cops of New Jersey to remind Bill Clinton's people and the actress, Whoopi Goldberg, that yesterday's inauguration was not the most

important event on Earth. Miss Goldberg, being black, fernale, well-known and left-wing, was a natural ne inauguration galas in Washington. The only snag rehearsing in New York for a Broadway role and prefers not

capital, the White House organised a high-speed, dark-windowed limousine and requested police outriders for the 200-mile journey through New York, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland.

"Sure," said New York. Delaware and Maryland. "Er, no," said New Jersey, which is the only one of the states with a Republican governor. When Goldberg motorcade reached the New Jersey state line it had to observe the speed limit and do without the blue lights and sirens.



address yesterday, becoming the first Democrat to be sworn in for a second term since Franklin Roosevelt.

Freedom's flame 'has to be kept alive'

EXTRACTS from President Clinton's inaugural speech: At this last presidential in auguration of the 20th century, let us lift our eyes toward the challenges that await us in the next century.

It is our great good fortune that time and chance have put us not only at the edge of a new century, in a new millennium, but on the edge of a bright new prospect in human affairs. A moment that will define our course, and our character, for

decades to come. We must keep our old democracy forever young. Guided by the succent vision of a promised land, let us set our sights upon a land of new promise.

The promise of America was born in the 18th century out of the bold conviction that we are all created equal. It was ex-tended and preserved in the 19th century, when our nation spread across the continent. saved the Union and abolished the awful scourge of slavery. Then, in turnoil and triumph, that promise exploded onto the world stage to make this the

American century.

And what a century it has been. America became the world's mightiest industrial power; saved the world from tyranny in two world wars and a long Cold War; and time and again reached out across the globe to millions who like us longed for the blessings of

whose faces we cannot yet see. whose names we may never know, say of us here that we led our beloved land into a new century with the American Dream alive for all her children. With the American promise of a more perfect union a reality for all her people. With America's bright flame of freedom spreading throughout all the world.

From the height of this place and the summit of this century let us go forth. May God strengthen our hands for the good work ahead - and al-

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revealed in Lima siege

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BEHIND the five-week bostage siege in Lima is one guerrilla's resolve to free the voman he loves, as well as all his comrades from tiny, cavelike prison cells, where chalera and tuberculosis are rife. There's a love story behind

the rebel assault on the Japanese Ambassador's residence," said Javier Diez Canseco, a Peruvian conessman, who was among the hostages released from the residence. Seventy-four people are still held by the Markist Tupac Amaru guerrillas. "It's not just a political quest but a personal one. So the chances of a surrender are

remote," he added. Nestor Cerpa Cartolini, 43, is not just driven by ideology. The rebel commander has vowed to "sacrifice all" in an attempt to free his imprisoned comrades, and among them the woman he used to live with, and the mother of their son, aged ten, and four-yearold daughter.

He has shown in the past that he will stop at nothing to free his fellows from prison. In 1992 he led a group of rebels who dug a 150-yardtunnel to free 200 "comrades' from one of Lima's most fortified jails.

His lover, Nancy Gilvonio. 32, has been kept in isolation in the high security Yanomayo prison since she was captured in 1995 along with other rebels who planned to storm the Peruvi-

along with the New Yorker, Lori Berenson, 27, who is also serving a life sentence in Yanamayo. They were both arrested in a Lima safe house where the Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement had stashed weapons, in preparation for an attack on the

Berenson was paraded in front of the media, raising a revolutionary" fist. But Gilvonio was apparently so badly beaten by police, who tried to get her to disclose the whereabouts of her lover, that she was kept away from the

Love factor Judge's exit throws trial of Berlusconi into chaos

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

A YEAR after it opened the trial on corruption charges of Silvio Berlusconi, the media tycoon and former right-ofcentre Prime Minister, was thrown into chaos yesterday when the judge resigned over charges that he was "biased against the defendant".

Legal experts said that the trial, which has suffered many delays and complications. may have to start again from

Signor Berlusconi was accused with other executives in his Fininvest business empire of paying bribes to tax inspectors to secure favourable company audits between 1989 and. the charges were politically inspired and part of a plot against him by the Milanbased anti-corruption magis-trates, the so-called "Clean Hands" team led by Antonio Di Pietro, whose 1992 anticorruption drive brought down the Christian Demo-crats and transformed the face

of Italian politics. Last October Signor Ber-lusconi complained that a court microphone had picked up a remark by Carlo Crivelli. the presiding judge, which

conviction. Judge Crivelli was overheard advising a prosecutor to use a "carrot and stick" method in his interrogation. An appeals court ruled that that was a "serious lapse", but

said the remark had been autside formal court proceedings and was legally irrelevant. Nonetheless, Signor Crivelli said in a written statement yesterday that his public prestige and imparhality had been undermined. in a separate ruling, also



Berlusconi: says charges are politically inspired

showed he was out to secure a favourable to the Berlusconi family, a prosecutor in Brescia. dropped charges against Silvio Beriusconi's brother. Paolo, who with three others fincluding Cesare Previti, a been accused of conspiring to force Signor Di Pietro to resign as a magistrate — which he did in 1994 for reasons that have never been fully explained. Raimondo Giustozzi, the Brescia prosecutor, said there was no evidence to support the accusation against Paolo Berlusconi or other defendants and asked

the court to acquit them. The two rulings leave Silvio Berlusconi apparently riding high. His Fininvest empire is financially buoyant and he has returned to politica prom-inence by negotiating with the centre-left Government of Professor Romano Prod on a cross-party commission to re-

form the constitution.

Trials fixed Giovanni
Brusca, one of the Mafia's
leading bosses, told a Rome court yesterday, where he is accused of murder, that Giulio Andreotti, the former Prime Minister, had helped the Maha to fix trials. (Reuter)

Leader of anti-Mobutu rebels killed in ambush by allies

FROM SAM KILEY, AFRICA CORRESPONDENT

man of the alliance which

Mai last November.

omed forces with the Mai

Commander Ngandu, 51,

came from Kasai in southern

Zaire but led the rebel fighters

dominated by Tutsis from

South Kivu province. The Mai

Mai, traditional enemies of the Tutsis, had fought their

new-found allies for control of

Butembo earlier this month.

ZAIRE'S rebel military chief was yesterday reported to have been killed in an ambush by Mai Mai warriors. His death is a blow to the uprising against President Mobutu.

Security sources in Kigali, the Rwandan capital, and in Nairobi, the Kenyan capital, said yesterday they believed that Commander Andre Ngandu Kissasse was killed in a battle between his Tursi bodyguards and Mai Mai war: riors. The Mai Mai were part of the rebel alliance formed to depose the ailing President

Mobulu of Zaire. The sources said Commander Ngandu, a veteran of 1964, was killed on or about been sent to sort out the January 8 near the east squabbling and was am-Zairean town of Butembo, on bushed outside the town by the Ugandan border. He was the military chief of the Allithe Mai Mai," a security source in ance of Democratic Forces for yesterday. Liberation (Congo-Zaire) led by Laurent Kabila, the chair-



Balloonist lands in India to set six-day record

PROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN VARANASI, INDIA, AND QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

STEVE FOSSETT floated down to the north Indian plains yesterday after abandoning his attempt to circumnavigate the world in a hot-air balloon. He landed awkwardly in a field, tearing the balloon on a tree, and was besieged by astonished

Word that his Solo Spirit balloon had returned safely to terra firma met with cheers at his mission control in Chicago, where the mood was described as "eastatic". Despite failure, there was no

suggestion of deflation. He had been aloft for six days, two hours and 54 minutes, breaking his previous world record by 98 minutes. He covered 9,000 miles another record, which he had previously set at 5,435 miles. He circled at 500ft to 1,000ft above the holy city of Varanasi for two or three hours to ensure his record before descending into the Hindu Local people, necks craned heartland.

Local people, necks craned skywards rushed towards the

Two hours later the police, bouncing down country roads, turned up in a Jeep. By then, helped by villagers, the silver-coloured balloon was almost packed. Mr Fossett discovered that the wind had carried him to Nonkhar, which appears on almost no

"It was a very good trip." he said at the police station 12 miles away in the village of Peeparpur, 330 miles south-east of Delhi, whose duty constable proferred sweet tea and struggled with the language barrier. It was a "safe but rough landing". The wind was blowing at 15 mph as he came in and "it probably ruined the balloon."

Unlike Libya, which initially denied him permission to overfly, costing him precious fuel, the Indian authorities gave an enthusiastic welcome.

> I haven't had a chance to think. I have to reflect." He said he would finish packing his balloon today and would probably travel to Delhi before returning to the United States in a day or two. We did have a very good system. It would require only few more changes - a bigger balloon, more fuel and a little bit more luck."

> skywards, rushed towards the descending balloon in what-

ever conveyance came to

hand, from creaking Ambas-

sador cars to slow-moving

bullock carts. The people

have been very nice." Mr Fossett said. Air traffic control

at Varanasi had cleared him

to remain hovering over the

region for as long as he

wanted and the army was

alerted to look out for him.
"I wish I could have made

the biggest achievement and

flown around the world but

this is also successful," an

exhausted Mr Fossett, 52,

said. "It shows we are very

close to being able to fly around the world," He had miscalculated the amount of

fuel and sleep he would need.

on over the Himalayas and

didn't want to land in China

because I did not have permis-

sion." He did not know if he

would make a fresh attempt.

"I didn't want to continue



Mr Fossett with the air balloon in which he attempted to circumnavigate solo round the world. "It was a good trip," he said on landing in an Indian village

Branson says race back on

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By DANIEL McGRORY

BACK at the drawing board. Don Cameron was last night doodling with ideas on how to improve his creation of the silver ice cream cone that had gusted Steve Fossett more than 10,000 miles.

Solo Spirit cost £200,000, against the £3 million Richard Branson spent on his balloon. At his Bristol factory. the guru of balloon design said he believed the message for future competitors is: Keep it simple, and keep it

"The first rule of ballooning is that small is beautiful. Solo Spirit and Fossett have

advanced the art a long, long way," Mr Cameron said. Mr Branson said yesterday he was confident that his more sophisticated, high-altitude balloon will succeed next time. "Now that Steve has landed safely, the race is on again." Mr Branson said.

Don Cameron also built the ill-fated £2 million Swiss venture, Breitling Orbiter, which sprang a leak to a paraffin tank shortly after take off.

"After what Steve Fossett managed, if he wants to have another go I would say he would be favourite to make it all the way round the world next time," Mr Cameron said. The key to success, he believes, is improving insulation to make the balloon more fuel efficient.

The 120 staff at his factory were yesterday awaiting new orders from those wishing to take up the challenge.

NEWS IN BRIEF 36 die in Chinese

Peking: The most violent snowstorms to hit China in three decades have killed at least 36 people, seriously hurt 18 and cut off 320,000 in the northwest of the country, the official media said yesierday. Snow is up to seven feet deep and wolves and the cold have killed more than 1,500 rare animals in Aliay, Xinjiang. Temperatures have fallen as low as -3oC (-28F), (AFP)

snowfalls

Hijacker held

Tokyo: A Japanese armed with a kitchen knife and reportedly drunk was arrested in Fukuoka after hijacking a domestic airliner carrying 192 people from Osaka. No injuries were reported. (AP)

Shift on Tibet

Taipei: The Dalai Lama said his planned visit to Taiwan was proof that he no longer sought Tibetan independence. as Peking claims, because Taiwan also recognises Tibet as part of China. (Reuter)

Teachers strike

Athens: Greek secondary school teachers joined striking seamen in stoppages and a general strike was planned for Thursday against the Government's tough incomes and tax policies. (Reuter)

Whaling boost

Moscow: Russia may resume commercial whaling due to a jump in the whale population in the Barents. Bering, Black. and White seas and a related drop in fish stocks, the State Fishing Committee said. (AP)

'Sorcerers' die

Accra: Mobs in Ghana have beaten to death at least 12 people on suspicion of being sorcerers and allegedly making penises shrink or vanish. Police prevented at least seven lynching attempts. (Reuter)

Student bones up

Athens: A Greek medical student's parents have appealed against a jail sentence for stealing bones from a cemetery in an attempt to help their son's anatomy studies, a judi-

'National overhaul' for Japan

Tokyo: Ryutaro Hashimoto, the Japanese Prime Minister, promised yesterday an over-naul of the economic and social system and called on the people to be prepared for sacrifices in the changes ahead (Robert Whymant writes). "I ask each individual Jananese to keep an unbending spirit and stand firm in the face of difficult times and possible failure."

Saying that Japan would lag changes, Mr Hashimoto outlined a plan at the opening of the Diet to reform the bureauthe financial system, social welfare and education.

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The Prime Minister's pledges to reduce the size of the bureaucracy and cut spending on building projects were designed to address an outcry over waste and corruption in government spending after a series of financial

Patten attacks Chinese bid to revive repressive laws

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

HONG KONG suffered another setback yesterday as China threatened to curtail citizens' rights after it takes over the colony on July 1. Chris Patten, the Governor,

legal sub-group of the 150member Preparatory Committee established by China last month to set up Hong Kong's political structure for the July handover, proposed to resurrect colonial laws forlinked to foreign groups. It

regulate demonstrations. These controls, stipulating that demonstrators must seek police permission to hold gs, marches or to use

parties could not have overseas links - which made the Chinese Communist Party illegal — were overturned in 1992 and 1995.

Chris Patien, the Governor, said last night that the changes proposed by a Peking appointed group of the Basic Law, China's mini-Houge Kong legal advisers constitution for Hong Kong, "strike at the heart of Hong "A Peking spokes man in Hong Kong said the Bill of Rights was rart of Mr Patten's plan The group said these laws, and others whose repeal it to violate past British agreements and that the provisions of the Basic Law would adequately protect Hong Kong's Mr Patten insisted that the

Bill of Rights is "entirely consistent" with treaty agreepolitical groups ments and the Basic Law. He said the Bill is "fundamental also gave the police powers to to the success of the 'one worried that the unlicensed

strations threatens to phunge Hong Kong into turbulence and anarchy? ... What would happen if absurdly latter 1997] the authorities decided to use repressive new public order laws to prosecute someone for holding a peaceful but unli-

censed march on July 27" Mr Patten called on China, where such a law would be ratified by the National Peofrom accepting the misguided and damaging advice now being out forward".

He suggested that it is for Tung Chee-hwa, the newly selected Chief Executive, "to consider that if any changes need to be made to the laws and policies of Hong Kong".

Leader of the Labour Party. with Mr Tung.

U-turn as Kim offers talks on labour law with opposition

FROM RELITER IN SEOUL

IN A dramatic climbdown, President Kim Young Sam of South Korea yesterday agreed to meet opposition leaders to resolve a confrontation over a new labour law that ignited more than three weeks of

Adding to signs that au-thorities were seeking a peaceful end to violent con-frontation with unions, pro-secutors said they would hold

ers sheltering in Seoul's Korean factories back to work Myongdong cathedral. Mr Kim has rejected demands by opposition parties to discuss the new Bill, which makes it easier to dismiss workers and maintains a ban

on free trade union association until 2000. His about-face followed a decision by the militant Korean Confederation of Trade Unions to call off an indefinite

with no interruptions for the first time since the law was rammed through parliament on December 26 Last night Bill Jordan, head

of the Brussels-based International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, flew into Seoul and issued a warning that the country's industrial crisis undermined its image and that its reputation was at stake over the new labour law.

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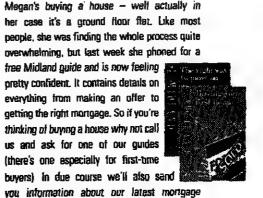
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Trendy for fifteen minutes



Before you rush out to buy a nose-ring, remember that today's trends can come and go in a weekend, says **Grace Bradberry**

lexander McQueen presented his first haute couture collection for Givcenchy on Sunday, Once such a show would have told us something about the long-term future of fashion. It might have developed a few of last year's themes, added a few new ones, and confirmed our idea of what constituted style.

What debate will McQueen's show inspire? The future of the trouser suit? The shape of jackets in six months' time? Or the importance of wearing a two-inch gold

To the chagrin of serious fashion watchers it is the last and most ephemeral of this list that will cause the most talk. The gold ring is that most sought-after thing, a new trend, and even as you read this. professional "trendspotters" will be identifying it as such. But before you head for the local jewellery store, bear in mind one thing: it could be only days before those same trendspotters are proclaiming the nose-ring dead.

In some cases, the cycle is still more extreme: even before Evita hit British cinemas. Evita style -Ferragamo kitten-heel shoes, Dolce & Gabbuna fake-fur coats and scarlet lipsticks - was being denounced as passe by some American commentators. A trend had gone even before it had arrived.

Not surprisingly then, the fizz has gone out of the new year for ayle gurus. January has lost its significance because by February the predictions have been steammilered by a new trend. Whatever SW3 may be up to at the moment. by the 31st they will have disposed of it in their USA bins (matt plastic. bullet-shaped lid. metal flap - a mere £199). By March, the bin will be out on the pavement too. ientisoned before its style sell-by date on the suspicion that they have infiltrated CR3 (Croydon).

However much people decide the Eighties, we are more obsessed than ever with trends. This is, after all, the decade that spawned The Modern Review, a magazine based on one trendy idea - that junk culture demanded as much critical

Feeling For Snow in 1903. Cyber Punk novels in 1904, and The Celestine Prophecy in the year just gone. And trends in food move faster than anything else: if you eat sun-dried tomatoes in 1997, you will suffer social death: eat couscous and you will pass muster - during January at least - though pigs' trotters and sweetbreads are on their way out.

Over seared tuna with Moroccan garnish in a west London pubrestaurant (outsize dining rooms are now demode), even the most intellectual diners are hunting the trend. Is farce back? Is the biography dead? Will Crush induce a necrophilia craze? Everyone is watching for the next cultural buzz. barely catching breath to indulge in the current one.

If in 1996 you didn't ride a scooter, eat pumpkin risotto, drink vodka and cranberry juice, give up the gym and wear clothes from Vuyage it is now too late, you must have blinked behind your wraparound sunglasses and missed it.

o cause for lament you might think - except that we really do care. Age and class are no longer a barrier to being trendy. Even 40-year-olds wear Nike Total Max running shoes. They may do so with a post-consumer ironic gleam in their eyes, but they've still shelled out EHO, a sum that would have shamed even the least selfconscious Eighties yuppie.

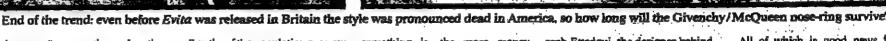
But now that we're all trend-

spotters, style "leaders" are left with a problem. If everybody is doing it it can't possibly be trendy. There are so many "style bibles" that the minute six people sitting in Daphne's have come up with their plans for the weekend, they have been broadcast to half the nation as a template. The definition of a trend used to be "everybody's doing it". Now, it's "I and six of my closest chums did this last week

Peter York, author of The Sloane Ranger's Handbook, reflects: "Trends are smaller and shorterlived than they used to be. We're so aware of other people. Nobody wants to be a dumb dog sitting in trendy books - Miss Smillu's People want to switch around."



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it wasn't ever thus. In the Eighties it really was possible for a trend to acquire roots, blossom in the media and survive for a while, as Robert Elms, then a stylecommentator on The Face, nostalgically recalls: "People were much more categorisable than they are now. Sloane Rangers. Yuppies. Punks — people did fit much more neatly into boxes. In 1981, when you talked about the trend being towards this - as opposed to that you could be right for a fair number attention as James Joyce. We have one category and being labelled. of people. Our culture has become so much more mix and match."

Swaths of the population are now sophisticated enough to recognise the con - but we continue to indulge because the desire to be "where it's at" is too strong. But we're not exactly involved any-

Not that we're bashful of spending money. Far from it. As Elms points out: "The things that are considered desirable, the brand names or whatever, are not as 'in your face, as brash, as they were in the Eighties. Prada is extraordinarily subtle. What's happening is kind of perverse: the more subtle pened very suddenly," reflects Jo- creative angst.

something is, the more money

people will spend on it." Nevertheless, people still like to be sure they're shelling out for the right thing. Even Miuccia Prada can have an off-day. And so, in the mid-Nineties another trend has emerged - that of the "must-have". Prada's grey V-necked sweater is one example, Gucci's bootcut trousers another. Offered the chance to express their individuality, consumers are editing the designer collections down to a few items.

"It really seems to have hap-

seph Ettedgul, the designer behind London's Joseph shops. "A lot of people are obsessed with a few things. A company like Gucci can represent its image with one or two pieces. The suppliers have decided to edit their stores, and people are

editing their wardrobes." Most of the current fashion trends, are, in some way or other, retro. The Prada jumper is like the one you wore at school, the trousers would not have disgraced Bianca Jagger. And, of course, if it's all been done before there is

All of which is good news for those who are slow to catch on. Missed the boat in 1996? Don't worry, another six months and it will once again be fashionable to wear sheepskin coats or go to clubs where the DJ introduces records with the words "Give it up for ... If you can do all this yet still retain knowing glint in your eye and a lift to one eyebrow, then you too stand a chance of mastering the mid-Nineties zeitgeist. The only problem is that your pseudomieliectual German vocab is no

completely out of date.

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How I broke my shopping habit

ast Saturday I found myself in the middle of one of London's most exclusive stores covetously running my hands across the merchandise and experiencing, as I reached into my wallet, the return of the "feelgood" factor. I was not alone. The expressions on the faces of the women around me indicated that the years in which the recession had created what seemed to be a permanent rift between sex and shopping were over. The conspicuous consumption of the Eighties became so unfashionable in the early Nineties that a serious shopping habit was more socially unacceptable for women than alcoholism, drug addiction or

is sexy again. In fact had I closed my eyes in Harvey Nichols on Saturday. I could have been back in the first week of 1987 not 1997. The signs of a boom now are not dissimilar to the signs that, in the mid-Eighties, precipitated a rush of blood to our credit cards, and pushed

even nymphomania. But not any more. Suddenly shopping

so many of us into debt. The Halifax has predicted a lo per cent rise in house prices over the next two years. A Lloyds Bank survey of British businesses revealed an upturn in growth and profit and an increased financial confidence. And the surging power of the pound has made consumers braver, stronger, and less guilty about indulging their desire to shop.

What is more, the incentives being offered by chain stores, hanks and credit-card comnanies to buy now and pay later are terribly familiar to those of us who shopped through the spend, spend, spend era of the Eighties.

Every other advertisement on television is urging me to buy a leather three-piece suite with "nothing to pay until Easter", or luring me into booking a holiday in paradise. And every day I receive yet another tempting offer through the post, offering me unsolicited unlimited unsecured loans and credit. But here, at least, past experience has taught me something. So that while I did, indeed, give into temptation last Saturday, returning home with a clutch of carrier bags filled with Egyptian cotton sheets - I am

Serious shopping is sexy again, but Jane Gordon has learnt her lesson

the Imelda Marcos of bed linen — I paid with cash. My journey from creditcard shopper to a woman who holds on to and carefully counts out her cash is a shaming one. Looking back on my shopping history causes me more embarrassment now than it did then.

I have, rather like former Tory Chancellors, conducted my spending on the boombust approach with little thought about fone-term security. So by the time I was in my early twenties, I was, as my husband said, "earning in Centigrade and spending in My first moment of total

financial embarrassment occurred, long before the boom, when I was politely but firmly shown the door in Asprey's by a frock-coated assistant after paying for a present with a cheque that my bank manager, when they rang him, was not prepared to meet. It was the precursor to

many such experiences. The time for instance, in a smart clothes shop, when the assistant was ordered by the person on the other end of the credit hotline to cut up my card in front of me. Or the day on which, after having skilfully convinced my bank manager to extend my overdraft on the ground that I needed to complete essential

home improvements. I spent the entire sum on clothes. But the worst moment of all occurred one Christmas when, with

my husband at the end of his tether and me at the end of my eredit limit, I found myself sneaking into one of those backstreet pawnbrokers with my rather fine engagement ring. The girl behind the counter was so suspicions of the diamond and platinum ring I offered - all the other customers had small, sad bundles of nine-carat iewellery that was not even examined, just weighed - that she had to call head office to query its worth.

There were innumerable instances of public humiliation at high street cash dispensers: I became used to

smiling at the person behind me and muttering, as I walked away empty-handed, something about my "wornout swipe". The hall table was permanently littered with bank statements I was too frightened to open and even when I did, I could always

In a way, then, the recession couldn't come too soon. In watching the fate of friends who lost their businesses, their homes or got caught in negative equity I learnt more than I had through my own, thankfully short-lived, moments of insolvency. In many

tain control by limiting myself to a building society savings book that runs out of money at the same moment as I do. And if the boom does take

off, I will probably turn into the Mrs Micawber of the millennium, shaking my head and intoning: "Annual income £20, annual expenditure £19.19.6, result, happiness. Annual income £20, annual expenditure £20 ought and 6, result misery."

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Divorce unsexes you - never had I been so long without an encounter

In Part Two of a series in which women writers examine love in the Nineties, Marianne Wiggins describes passion in middle age and the allure of the mature

means: sex at 50. Sex thirtywalked into the sex after I won't say how many shop in Soho last partners. Sex after high spring I had no idea I was going to do it. I had never been in one before, never fantasised about the provocations or delights within, never thought about what was "in store" at all - until one metopaust. evening late last spring, while passing by, I noticed something in a sex shop window. immediately thought, "Oh:

funi" and walked right in. The object in the window, which had drawn me in, was a transparent bit of costuming devised from lace and Veicro and involving a dog-collar, suspenders and a crucial over-

lapping unsewn seam.
Inside the store a choice of theatricality chambermaids kit, bustiers, 2 range of leatherwear, thongs and a showcase of cosmetic rubber - but I walked out with the item in the window and a pair of black silk stockings. From the coinbox on the kerb I dialled my lover's mobile phone and left the message that I'd just bought a little something in a Soho sex shop and I'd be home in half

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Several hours earlier, in another combox less than two blocks away, the Metropolitan bomb squad had discovered an armed device and successfully defused it. What had brought me to that part of London at that hour in the first place was a regularly scheduled meeting at the Photogra-phers Gallery in Great Newport Street, on whose board of trustees I sit. All of Charing Cross Road around Leicester Square had been cordoned off with chartreuse tape when I arrived, and as I made my way towards the gallery I had to cross two police barriers. An unsched uled item on our agenda that evening was the additional costs of insuring the gallery against future bomb threats in

the West End. Not one of these details the ease with which one can breeze into a sex shop in London a stone's throw from the National Gallery, the design advantages of Velcro and Lycra, the convenience of message-gathering mobile phones, nor the incidence of terrorism in modern cities was specific to our current decade, to the 1990s. What was specific to it, though, was me. What fingered the events that evening as being of the Nineties only was my age in it.

Never before this decade had I

been as old as I am now. So,

for me, Sex in the Nineties

school, after Woodstock, after Nixon, after Reagonomics. Sex after babies. Sex after the abortion. Sex after divorce. Sex after caricer. Sex during in stim: the sex life of a divorced; middle-aged woman, mother of a 30-year-

old, living alone. The extra place setting at friends' dinner parties. The workmen's patsy. The maltre d's bugbear. The person abundantly found in the personals: the one in a million. Good grief. C'est moi. Three years ago, while I was

still recovering from disease compounded by divorce, I woke up one morning to the fact that two ex-husbands of mine were involved with women one to two decades younger than they are, and that I knew no single man not one - who was my age

'Despair is a condition of the decade, but not of the erotic nor of adults-at-play, adults in love'

and heterosexual.

Divorce unsexes you - so does disease, But disease, unlike divorce, does something else in its stages of remission: it revitalises all your senses. Never in my adult life had I been so long without a sexual encounter, nor ever in my life had I felt so achingly alive, so thrillingly sensual.

I had not, as they say, "lost my looks" - certainly not to the extent one of my former partners had — but I had to face the fact that life was dealing me yet again a twisted hand. Just when I was feeling sexier than ever, I was entering a sector of society's sex ratings consigned to single

digit numbers. I started accepting every invitation. Which is how, two and a half years ago, at a gala dinner given at the end of an industry festival in a northern city. I came to be sitting next to the boringest man in the

odd years after initiation. Sex through the soup, tish and main about a screenplay he was writing, regarding a meeting between Freud and a blatantly anal retentive teen-

Two subjects send me right off my feed at dinner internal organs and Hitler and he managed to combine the two. Then, just before the pudding, all the gents were asked to move around the table two places to the left, and I found myself in the company of an intense presence not unlike the way saints describe the visitation.

At first I thought I was having yet another menopausal heatwave. But the symptoms - accelerated pulse, light-headedness, an all-overity - didn't disappear after the usual three minutes. You can bet your boots they didn't. All the invited guests at

dinner were supposed to move on to another festival venue after coffee, but I detoured to the loo before joining the others. When I came out, he alone was standing in the corridor. He claims, and I believe him, that what he did next he had never done before. He had never borne down on a woman, lifted her off her feet, pinned her between himself and a wall and kissed her with every passionate ounce of his being. And even if he had -

who cares? To this day not a week goes by without one or the other of us commenting on the audacity, the schmaltzy Gothic machismo of that First Kiss between two such so-called firm believers in the rights of

lt was a maximum seduction - Max bedroom. "I can't believe you did that," I still tell him. "Me neither," he admits. "But I knew I had to do something because I might not get the chance again."

There is that about sex in the middle ages, that aspect of the countdown, the imperative elther to achieve orbit now. ignite those rocket boosters or fall back to earth. But I don't want to put a spin of despera-tion on this tale, not because there isn't any, but because despair is a condition of the decade and of our species, but not of the erotic nor of adultsat-play, adults in love.

Play is what I value most above lovernaking now. Sex is the ultimate playtime - not sport. Sport is competition. Sex is not a sport. My lover is my best playmate in the world. His work keeps him away from home a lot - but because



he is a foreign correspondent and I'm a novelist, we share a certain power to describe our worlds. We use description of the world at large, the world that often separates us, to fuel the erotic.

As he was leaving on assignment last year, for example, I slipped a seashell from my collection, a Cornish limpet, to be specific, into his coat pocket. When I knew he was in the taxi on his way to Heathrow I rang him on his mobile. Without looking at it," I said, "reach into your pocket and tell me what I put in there." "Oh, God," came the answer. "it's your nipple."

nd once, last month. when he called late at night from a hotel room in New York that had its own private fax machine, I told him to stand in front of the fax machine while I traced the outline of my open hand and faxed it to him from London as I described in detail to him on the phone as my hand appeared in front of him what I would like to be doing to him with that hand.

Phones and faxes speed communications, keep the play immediate. But what was sexy then is sexy now and will be sexy in the year 2000. And that's the power of the thing communicated. When you are stripped down by loving playful sex to a complete and mutual mental nakedness it doesn't matter whether it's 1492 or 1997, or whether you're 17, 50 or 98, or whether you're wearing Velcro or Lycra or a toga and woad: you and the world and your lover are one and alone.

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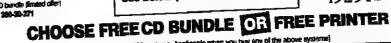
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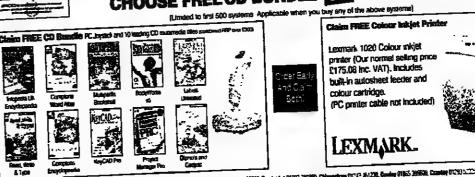
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What we need from government

Business expects a strategy for stability, says David Sainsbury

Tor a businessman to engage in discussion of public policy requires a certain temerity at any time. When discussions are twisted out of shape in the heat of electoral exchanges, it takes foolhardiness. My motive for contributing to the Commis-sion on Public Policy and British Business was a firm belief that the voice of businessmen needs to be heard when government is devising policies for industry, and that business and government need to understand their respective roles and limitations.

In my business career I have seen a massive change in orthodox thinking about the role of government. In the 1970s there were exaggerated expectations about what it could achieve economically. These expecta-tions led to excessive intervention in the economy, to government taking on the role of producer in a number of sectors and to excessively busy or intrusive regulation. Excessive hopes of government were held by all British administrations in the 1970s, and were reflected internationally.

During the 1980s, the climate changed, with a wave of deregulation, liberalisation and privatisation, much of it

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highly beneficial. This gave managers more freedom to manage and raised awareness of the importance for all of us of commercial enterprise and commercial success. The Government led the way. But unfortunately the

many microeconomic improvements were accompanied by an unusual degree of macroeconomic instability. The bust-boom-bust pattern of those years damaged investment and to some extent masked the benefits of liberalisation. It also enormously increased the social costs of the adjustments.

emerged from that experience with expectations of government that are too low. We now know that it is companies, not governments, that create wealth but we must not lose sight of government's essential role in providing a climate in which the enterprise and skills of businessmen can flourish.

To begin with, there is a long tail of underperforming companies which drag down the average productivity level. Equally important is the skill shortage in our labour force. which not only adds to firms' costs, but also encourages a concentration on products that do not require high skills, which locks many companies into a low-quality market niche. Underinvestment in research and product development, in physical capital and even in training are also consequences of macroeconomic instability. This diagnosis, I believe, points to three areas where government should do more to get the framework right: competition policy, education and macro-

economic policy. Vigorous competition in domestic markets must be central to any attempt to raise British competitiveness. There is abundant international evidence that viable national

champions arise only from the testing ground of continuous competition. Currently our competition policy is complex. uncertain in effect and timeconsuming. The government should adopt the European system of fines for companies engaged in restrictive practices or placing restraints on trade. The responsibilities of the Office of Fair Trading and the Monopolies and Mergers Commission should be realigned, making the former the principal agent of investigation and prosecution, and leaving the latter to concentrate on adjudication. The Sec-retary of State's role in competition policy should be made transparent, through the publication of a report with reasons for his or her decisions. Everyone pays lip-service to competition, but there is no denying the relative laxity of our law or the erratic and unpredictable way in which references to the Monopolies Commission are made.

Education is another area where everyone says the right sort of thing. Yet international comparisons remorselessly tell us that while the elite part of our workforce is competitive, the average level of train-

ing and qualifications is lagging. This can only exacerbate problems of unemployment, increasing inequality and poverty in a globalising economy. The probiem has to be tackled at the root, with improved teaching. teaching methods and inspection at

primary school. Research shows that children benefit disproportionately from education in the early years.

e should be ensuring access to good nursery education for all children, and that primary school class sizes are falling not rising, certainly not rising above 30. This will require must be found. Radical measures are also needed to train 16 to 19-year-olds, and facilities for adult education and reeducation must also be expanded. Not all of these need be or should be provided by the State or at public expense. but the government has a clear role in setting out a strategy

and co-ordinating provision. Finally, greater macroeconomic stability is a must. There is no magic formula, but confidence in stability would be enhanced by giving the Bank of England independent control over interest rates eliminating manipulation for electoral convenience. That could be achieved by giving the Bank control of interest rates and a target set by the government. The target should imply continued very low inflation, but give the Bank responsibility for offsetting recessions or large swings

in real activity. This is a programme with which I believe many businessmen would agree. It is not based on any ideological preconceptions, but on a clear view of what industry needs. and of the proper roles of government and business.

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Miss Fraser. 22, is in Paris at

the moment, where she appeared

modelling McQueen's first countre

collection for Givenchy on Sunday.

She was watched by several mem-

on Greek myths, with horns and

feathers all over the place, induced

the sort of swoons in fashion

editors that makes Tory admira-

tion of the Spice Girls look like

The show, which drew heavily

bers of her family.



Unlocking our canals

here was a time, near the end of another century, when Britain was swashbucklingly confident. Noblemen became entrepreneurs, engineers became heroes, landscapes were transformed, industrial buildings rose in graceful red-brick harmony with the landscape, and a legion of ragged unemployed were swept up in the service of the new technology. They bored through mountains, climbed hills by steps of water, solved problems. Visionary builders harnessed with equal determination the newborn power of steam, the ancient waterproofing properties of trampled clay and the sweat of hungry men with showels. In the years before 1800,

Britain built her canals. It was the first such network and it still works, 2,000 glimmering miles of it. It carries great weights in nearsilence, controls thousands of tons of water with hand-wound iron wormgear, dives under brick arches and over aqueducts, linking the backyards of cities with the open countryside and enhancing both. It was, and is, a miracle and a thing of nure functional beauty.

Two hundred years on, as we sidle

fretfully towards the millennium. Britain is at risk of letting that canal system fall to pieces. The British Waterways Board has had its government grant reduced in real terms by one-third over the past 12 years. Last week it signalled that there is a backlog of £100 million worth of badly needed repairs, that this winter alone repairs cost £20 million, and that the 1997-98 grant is £7 million short of the bare minimum for safety. The difficulty lies not only in maintaining navigation, but in guaranteeing the safety of householders near canal banks. For these are not natural waterways: we made them, and we must either keep them or make a conscious (and dreadful) decision to drain and abandon them. The canal system depends as it it always has on brick and cement, clay puddle and earthworks and vigilance. So the British Waterways Board

wants more money. It can scratch up more, and intends to, by raising the user's licence price 30 per cent by 1999. That will not be enough (why should it be? Motorists are not billed for the full cost of roads, nor current parents for the full cost of schools. Some things must be shared). The plea for public funds is backed by the users' group, the Inland Waterways Association, which is not known for

Could lottery money or workfare save Britain's inland waterways?

slavish agreement with the board. And if you still doubt the gravity of the crisis, let me point out that both board and association are always understandably terrified of frightening off holiday boaters, who generate income and support, by ever suggest-ing that tracts of the system may have to be closed. These are bodies which dare not cry "Wolf!" unless they actually find themselves eyeball to yellow eyeball with one.

Nor is this a routine whine for public money by an inefficient public utility: the board is quite hawkishly. efficient, and more entrepreneurial

than many purists wish. So this appeal may be taken as a real warning. Even an atmosphere where Chancellor and Shadow are competing as to who can sound stingiest, it deserves to be heard.

Election procrastination does not help. The sooner the Environment Department steps in the better. The reason is obvious to anybody who has ever handled bricks, water, ironwork or earth, and knows what they do to one another. In dealing with them, a stitch in time saves ninety-nine. If the embankment of the Grand Union Canal had been fully maintained, it would not now need expensive and urgent repairs to stop it flooding Bedfordshire. If the Aire and Calder Canal in west Yorkshire - one of the few still used by profitable coal and oil boats - had been kept in order as envisaged by its original builders, it would not now be threatened with closure. The longer you leave it, the worse it gers, for

be put on hold. Yet to avoid expensive lawsuits, British Waterways is forced to concentrate its repair budget on the areas where canals interact with motorway bridges or with housing. So what is at raw, immediate risk is the navigable network in between: those 2,000 shining miles of practical, logical beauty left to us by the Age of Reason. For an era which lists 1960s towerblocks, pays museum curators to preserve culturally significant tins of

canals are like children and cannot

Beatles souvenir talcum powder, and plans (apparently) to turn the old Bart's hospital into Kenneth Baker's dream theme-park of British history. with an animatronic Wellington, we are strangely lackadaisical in our attitude to the history which is right under our noses.

Of course, canals do have friends British Waterways reckons ten million, at least. Some walk or cycle by them, some watch wildlife along the towpaths; some sketch bridges and locks. For many, narrowboats mean holidays, educational trips and - not least - an environment fit to

rehabilitate mentelly handicapped, ill and disturbed chil-dren. I am reliably told that four days dles and working the beautifully balanced, artistically logical timber liftbridges on the South Oxford Canal

makes more difference to some children's education and prospects than a year of psychotherapy.

ome people mend canals for love. Years ago I spent occasional weekends working with the Waterway Recovery Group on such forgotten navigations as the Stratford Canal II would have you know that I mix a mean barrowload of cement). Much has been achieved by the crazed dedication of these wonderful people, who bought Smalley excavators with saved-up Green Shield stamps and still traverse the countryside in battered vans to sleep, aching, on village hall floors after long hours of hard labour. Their labour has reopened the derelict Stratford and Basingstoke Canals. Others have successfully campaigned for Millennium Lottery money, so that — for example — the Huddersfield Narrow Canal can now be restored from similar dereliction. But what use are such spectacular restoration projects if the main network, those canals not abandoned or derelict, is allowed to

decay for want of ordinary care? If money cannot be squeezed from the Treasury, it is time to review the

strict ring-fencing of lonery money, notably the ban on its use for purposes normally supported by the public purse. To ring-fence education and fiealth in this way was clearly wise, but canals now are part of the pleasure rather than the strict necessity of life. What sense can it possibly make for lottery boards to hur money at controversial statues such as the Angel of the North; or a controversial spider-legged bubble at Greenwich while avoidable rum vertakes a precious and historic piece of infrastructure, an asset to murism and to the pation's own sense

of pride and tranquillity?
Try anothern radical suggestion.
The estimates of the British Waterways Board are based on paying existing contractors to do the work. But much of the work by the nature. barrowed concrete across planks repointed bricks while balancing on a plank halfway down a curvert, and manned a bucket-hoist full of unspeakable ooze from the bottom of a lock chamber.) Why shouldn't some of this work be done. in the name of workfare or youth training or whatever, by those who otherwise have nothing to get up for? Granted, they should be paid reason ably rather than exploited; granted, the task of supervising there would be a skilled one. Even the most authentic heritage reconstructionist would balk at reproducing the squalid turf huts and the speciacular death-rate of the roving, fighting 18th-

century "navigators" who gave nav-But given the success of volunteers in bringing back derelict canals, it might be worth looking at. After all, kids on job-creation schemes always complain bitterly that what they are asked to do is pointless, take work. Working on canals is hard outdoor graft, leaving the worker one feeling tired, healthy and satisfied. If I were out of work I would jump at it especially if I then were so get a complimentary boat trip along my carial with my workmates, courtesy of a grateful Waterways Board.

There must be other answers, and you should not need to wear an anorak in order to lobby for them. We have a chance to go into the third millennium and take with us, in working order, a unique legacy that enhance landscape, leisure, understanding and the natural environment. Why leave it behind?

Clarke could lose it

Drop the single

currency, says

Woodrow Wyatt

f the general election takes place on May I as expected, there are just over 14 weeks for the Tories to overcome the lead of about 17 per cent that the opinion polls give Labour. By May I, perhaps the sun will have cheered us up after the terrible winter and the mood will be more favourable to the Tories. Yet people decided to elect Margaret Thatcher much more than 14 weeks before the 1979 election. There was a tide running her way which Mr Callaghan later conceded that he too

Yesterday The Sun published a MORI poll on how constituents say they will vote in the forthcoming byelection in prosperous Wirral South, which was held by the Tories in 1992 with 50.8 per cent of the vote against 34.6 per cent for Labour. The basic answer was depressing for the To-ries' 52 per cent declared they would vote Labour, as against 36 per cent for the Conservatives and 12 per cent undecided. Notoriously in recent years governments have done worse in by elections than general elections, in by elections than general elections. With weaker party allegiances, people like to give expression to their immediate discontents with an impulse kick of initiation. When the thotights of Mr and Mrs Wirral South were probed more deeply, 27 per cent said they may change their minds before the by election. If they did, the Tonies might just hold the seat, since probably most of the 27 per cent are dissatisfied Tory voters from 1992.

On Who do you think would be

On "Who do you think would be best at handling Britain's economy?", John Major led with 38 per cent to 34 per cent for Tony Blair. On who best represents Britain in Europe, Mr Viajor was ahead by one point. On joining the single currency, 37 per cent were in favour and 63 per cent

Much credit is due to Kenneth Clarke for his successful develop-ment of the policies initiated by his predecessor, Norman Lamont, tak-ing us first out of the world recession after our escape from the exchange-rate mechanism. Britain has never been more prosperous, and the conwast with our partners in Europe is. our much of the war by the header problems. Their memployment con-work a know I have personally house to receive ours falls. They barrowed concrete across planks, have saddled themselves with the repointed bricks while balancing social chapter and crippling payments that employers are required to make inwards social welfare. Conse quently our production costs are much lower. This, coupled with higher productivity per head, has made us the most flourishing exposter in Europe. We have been able to fix our own taxation and interest rates, both of which have been skilfully managed by Mr Clarke.

So far the British have shown little interest in Europe. We have had no desire to interfere in their affairs and are astonished at the extent to which the leading players in Europe wish to interfere in ours. The streams of laws and regulations from Brussels are alien to the way we have been accustorned to doing things for centuries.

This is the issue on which there is the biggest division between the Tories and Labour (plus their allies, the Liberal Democrats). But the division is blurred by Kenneth Clarke's stubborn adherence to the single currency. Shrewd and clear on many subjects, his thinking is muddled on this. He does not want to rejoin the exchange-rate mechanism, which is an essential prerequisite to monetary union. He would not have been able to adjust our interest rates and taxation to British advantage, or achieve our splendid recovery, if we had been part of that grand scheme, yet he persists in talking as though it would be a good idea, in which he is at odds with the Prime Minister and most of the Cabinet. He knows this open disagreement damages his party's chances so why does he persist in it? Tony Blair is pledged to join the social chapter. He wants more major-

ity voting, in which Britain would usually be in the minority. He wants less use of the veto. He is not prepared to be isolated in Europe as Mrs Thatcher and Mr Major have repeatedly been. He may equivocate on the single currency now, but there is no doubt that he is far more willing than the Tories to be ruled by Brussels.

On Sunday, Malcolm Rifkind said the time has come to ask Helmut Kohl and the other European leaders some questions: "What would be the European Union they would like to see in ten or twenty years' time? In what way would that fall short of federalism, because this is a very crucial issue which affects the whole of Europe ... but it has never really been debated publicly. We know

what we wish."

Last week The Independent outlined details of plans for a single system of faxation and social security for the EU. These are backed by Germany and France and would analy to all countries in the single currency. The inevitable next step would be a federal united states of Europe Westminster sovereignty would be gone. It was over the principle of the American colonists right to tax themselves that the War independence was fought and lost by us. It would be a strange irony if Brussels' superainty came to be resented by the British as ours was by the 18th-century colonists:

New Honors

BRITISH fashion's torrential success continues with reports that Alexander McQueen is to sign up Honor Fraser as the face of Givenchy. Miss Fraser, the sister of Lord Lovat, has been a favourite model of McQueen's from his days making burnster trousers in London. before his recent move to Paris. Now she is at the top of a shortlist to follow her cousin Stella Tennant, who last year became the face of Chanel, in represent-





Alexander McQueen may be about to sign Honor Fraser

nonchalance. McQueen's, like Miss Fraser's, is definitely a stock worth buying. Honor's appointment could be

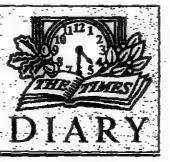
the climax to a short career which has seen her plucked from the drafty corridors of Beaufort Castle, the former Fraser home in the Highlands, by her cousin, the starmaking stylist Issy Blow.

Since then, she has taken her heathery glamour to the couture shows and the lucrative advertising game. Mrs Blow, the closest McQueen has to a muse, has been in discussions with Givenchy herself about formalising her role.

 Glowing reports of the atmosphere in Washington at President Clinton's inauguration yesterday were given by a couple of Radio ! Live reporters stationed in the cold on Capitol Hill. Despite freezing conditions, they talked of a friend ly crowd reminiscent of the best of lag-wavers at royal ceremonies in Britain. When they turned their backs for a minute, their microphone was stolen.

Taste trouble

THE Duchess of York is motoring ogwards as America's favourite product-endorser. She started selfing cranberry juice on American TV last night for a fee of half-a-mil-



lion dollars. She has also been in discussions with Volkswagen, which I'm told is keen to employ her as its salesman on nationa television in America. A sticking point yet to be over-

come is the slogan Volkswagen plans for its advertisements starring the duchess, which is something along the lines of "Not as expensive as it looks". We wouldn't want the duchess to look cheap.

Rosé

ROMANIAN wine is to be boycotted by gay rights groups from to-morrow on account of the Romanian Government's tough line on homosexuality.

Britain is the second biggest importer of Romanian wine, dark earthy stuff which will be sorely hit by the withdrawal of what adver-

tisers like to call "the pink pound". Romania currently has a Bill awaiting the signature of its President which makes gay sex illegal if it causes a "public scandal". A public scandal, according to the gays' interpretation of the law, is caused when two or more people find a particular homosexual relationship offensive. Back to the cha-

• Raw garlic is the fuel for the Coliseum's rumbustious new production of Rosslai's Italian Girl in Algiers. The bowl of spaghetti



"But Chris Evans was the" only one bad enough to get me out of bed".

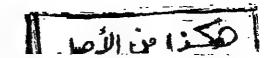
picked at by the cast during the second act is packed with the stuff. Gartic is good for the vocal cords, and reviving too, says the soprano Della Jones, who plays isabella. But the orchestra may soon be wishing it were sitting a little further away.

Yorkshire post

FOR anyone making the case that a Labour government would implode with dissent, Leeds North East could be useful evidence. Fabian Hamilton, the Blairite prospective Labour candidate, has been summonsed to appear at Leeds Magistrates Court on Reguary 31 in a private prosecution. Labour officials say it is the work of Hamilton's left-wing opponents.
Hamilton's weak spot is his busi-

ness history, which includes two liquidated printing companies and seven county count judgments against him his vegrears for back debts, all of which are now settled. The latest present in concerns alleged flavis, in 18 shock keeping and smells like revenge for the vicious dust-up over Liz Davies, the leftwinger who was her party's leftwinger who won her party's local nomination only to be des

lected by Labour's National Execu-





TAX AND SPEND

Labour has promised to be frugal with both

It has taken a long time, but at last Labour has made public its proposals for income tax and spending. The promises not to raise either the basic or the top rate for the lifetime of the next Parliament and the pledge to stick within the Tories' planned spending totals for two years bind a future Labour Chancellor more tightly than any of Gordon Brown's predecessors have been constrained. We have long argued that Labour should come clean about its intentions: Mr Brown has burnished his party's electoral image with boldness and vim.

The maintenance of the two income tax rates sounds all the more electorally attractive because it is these rates on which the Conservatives have based their claim to he a low-tax party. Whatever has happened to VAT, to excise duties, to company car rates or to allowances, the fact that the basic and top rates of income tax have been cut has been the Tories' totem. Mr Brown has shown that he can play that game too. Yesterday's promises do not preclude his cutting allowances or tax relief, or indeed Levying higher tax elsewhere; but if the argument has been reduced by the Conservatives to income tax rates, he can win votes by pledging to leave them be.

This is sensible economic policy too. As far as possible, governments should aim to cut marginal rates of income tax, even if that means reducing allowances or tax reliefs. Tax rates affect incentives to work; reliefs can distort the system. Few now believe, for instance, that the the goal of encouraging yet more home ownership is worth the £3 billion a year that mortgage tax relief costs the

But if Mr Brown's promises on income tax can be believed, what about his pledges on public spending? He has undertaken to live within Kenneth Clarke's spending plans for the first two years of a Labour government. This has the virtue of making his tax promise more credible: if he does not plan to increase spending, he will not need to raise taxes. Yet even a Conservative Cabinet would have difficulty remaining within the departmental totals set out in the Budget. Labour would surely fare worse.

From nurses to teachers, council leaders to dustmen, there would be millions of people thinking that Christmas had come in May if Labour won the election. For 18 years, they have been consoling themselves that all will come right when their party is in power. Tony Blair and Mr Brown have been doing their best to disillusion these client groups.

But hopes are not easily dashed in advance. If Labour won, Messrs Blair and Brown could only hold the line against these pressures by being particularly robust in the first two years. If they did not set a tough precedent, they would be overwhelmed by demands and public spending would spiral out of control. Both men seem determined not to let their plans be derailed in this way: they have studied the mistakes of past Labour administrations and do not intend to repeat them. But that is not to underestimate the difficulty of the task.

When public sector disputes break out under Labour governments, the Cabinet is more likely to divide. Some of its members instinctively side with the claimants. If Labour got in, and Mr Brown delivered on his promises, he would become the most unpopular Labour Chancellor since Stafford

Cripps.
Whatever one thinks, however, about the chances of Mr Brown being able to stick to Mr Clarke's regime, it is encouraging that he intends to try. Whichever party wins power will have to keep fiscal policy tight in the interests of the economy. Whether Labour's resolve would hold can only be tested in government. But success would be even less likely if Mr Brown had not said what he said yesterday.

PROMISED LAND

Clinton spoke eloquently of his second term

Four years is evidently an eternity in politics. When he took the oath of office for the first time Bill Clinton offered an energetic vision of the Federal government's role in American society. In his second address Mr Clinton put forward a rather different formula, one that relied more on the power of the American people than their institutions in Washington. Aithough he professed that the great debate on the role of government was largely over, the settlement he outlined was on different terms from that which he once articulated. The quest for consensus rather than dramatic innovation or change represented the predominant theme this time.

It was a rather better speech than that of lour years ago. Then his words echoed campaign themes too closely. He reiterated the chant of change 11 times in barely 15 minutes. In so doing he failed to reach out. beyond the 43 per cent of Americans who had supported him in the 1992 election. On this occasion he spoke in more presidential terms. His focus on the information age and aspirations for a land of new promise will have commanded wider backing. The emphasis on hope and progress fits well with the American spirit. His faith in technological advance as the engine for American influence in the next century is one that many of his partisan opponents, notably Speaker Newt Gingrich, would strongly endorse.

The President was at his most effective when dealing with the contentious issue of race. Even at the lowest moments of his first term, he was never more passionate and eloquent then when appealing for greater harmony and understanding across this most persistent and painful of American divisions. Speaking as he did on the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr, he again displayed an ability to talk directly to black citizens in a manner that few other white politicians can match. This is not an area where presidents can ever hope to succeed by legislation alone but where example and language carry some value. His rhetoric will have made a powerful impression.

Mr Clinton closed his remarks with an appeal for co-operation between President and Congress. Whether such a relationship can be found and what policy consequences flow from it will be the true test of his second term. He offered very few specifics in that regard, although this was, in truth, hardly the appropriate forum. His real opportunity will come shortly with the publication of his budget proposals and the State of the Union address. He used his platform yesterday to call for a smaller and more efficient government. He called for a balanced budget but not one that would unbalance national values. The Republican leadership in Congress can be forgiven for uncertainty about what all this will mean.

That political struggle lies in the future. Mr Clinton may find that the debate over the role of government, far from having ended, lives on with some vigour. That in itself would not condemn the next four years to stalemate and failure. The outlines of an accommodation between the President and Congress exist if both sides choose to follow them. Republicans have discovered over the past two years that there are sharp limits on how far they can advance their preferences unless they are willing to compromise with the White House. Mr Clinton knows his reputation in history is dependent on delivering such a bargain. On that basis his second term, like his second inaugural address, could prove more productive than his first.

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please? It's about these moles in our chemistry homework. I simply can't dig the little brutes. I promise this won't take even a nanosec... Oh, hi there, Weasel. Did you watch Blindfold Romance? Why did she thoose that officer with the snooty voice? But that boy from Birmingham. Wasn't he WICKED? Gorgeous. Giggle, giggle.

You'll wonder where the dandruff goes when you wash your hair with Fragrant Rose I didn't know you had dandruff. I don't. And that's because the lady shampoos with the only preparation that is both medicated and a conditioner: the authentic Fragrant Rose of the stars. Girls! Are you worried because you have thinning hair? Relax - nobody has fat hair. But Fragrant Rose will make your silken hair run down your back. Pity it's not still on your head.

Hello. Darling! Is it all clear to speak now? Oh, it seems ages since I saw you. I miss you too, Miss Piggy. I thought we might slip out tonight to this wonderful little Welsh bistro I have discovered. Right off the beaten track. Miners' lanterns and laver bread all round. It's very romantic. But you need to be hungry also. They do this wonderful

hedgehog en croute with a touch of aniseed. SLAP, BANG. Ouch. Congratulations! You have been Bullimored. A Bullimore chocolate bar a day helps you work, rest and stay affoat. The actual brand name may vary according to the royalties offered. But

Hello. Mrs Parent? May I speak to Louise, the Bullimore bar confers majesty on the refrigerator of a duchess. The milk in it is so fresh that only three hours ago, it was grass. The chocolate comes from imperial cocoa beans. And the wax that gives the carbohydrates is royal ruby. Food is an essential part of any balanced diet. But let there be no moaning of the bar, when a Bullimore puts out to sea. A Bullimore — the chocolate bar so good that it doesn't need a slogan!

Hello! Can I speak to the garage manager. Now look here, my good man. I am having terrible car trouble with your new machine. The engine won't start and the payments won't stop. Use the CAR spelt backwards rescue service. It thinks nothing of coming out in the middle of the week.

Ring, ring. . , tring, tring. [Silence, Heavy breathing.] Tickle the telephone you wrigglers. You may not give a Six X. But this is the first topless telephone ad. As the brassière said to the top hat: You go on ahead while I give these two a lift.

Hello. Free Scandinavian Telefon? You ingenious Swedes may not have completely solved the problem of getting access to a telephone. The office manager still does not like personal calls being made from work. And the family still do not allow any time for calls from home. But the telephone bill has become easier to tear in half than a telephone directory. And the professional advertisements are often more diverting than the amateur conversation.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Thirty years on: accounts at odds on UK entry into EEC

From Professor Vernon Bogdanor

Sir, Sir Edward Heath (letter, January 18) is right and Max Beloff (January 15) is wrong. There was no reason at all for anyone to be misled as to the ournose of the European Communities in the 1960s.

I have recently been re-reading a short work entitled The Future of British Foreign Policy, published in 1969, by a renowned expert on the subject who declares that

the European movement seemed an open-ended one. Its methods might be contonic, but its ultimate purposes were political; to and the linum-scine conflicts of the western European nations by morging their sover-eignties in some larger unit. Instead of maintaining the maximum of national freedom of action compatible with the common pursuit of security, emphasis was laid upon the substitution of decisions reached through the operation of supranational machinery.

The author goes on to add that It has been repeatedly stated in connection with Britain's second application for memware a ratio second application to market bership of the Common Market [in 1967] that Britain accepts not merely the existing economic institutions and policies — sub-ject to a transitional period of adaptation — but also its political objectives.

The author did, it is true, go rather further than most supporters of European union since he believed that Ultimately, the creation of a federal Europe

He did, however, insist that In the long term, the logic of the argument that the European nation state is for many purposes obsolescent is unanswerable. In he long run, therefore, Britain's aim musi be to assume the position of leadership in Europe which she rejected almost a quarter-century ago, and to come out as an advocate of a European federal system as the ultimate objective of policy.

How, then, can anyone say that they were misled? The author of The Future of British Foreign Policy was Max Beloff.

Yours faithfully, VERNON BOGDANOR,

From Mr Simon Heffer

Sir, Sir Edward Heath shows in his attempted repudiation of Lord Beloff that he too is not above judicious selection of facts. His recollection of the events of 1961-63 is broadly accurate, but irrelevant, as they had no direct bearing on our negotiation before signing the Treaty of Brussels in 1972. It is once he deals with the events after 1970, when he was Prime Minister, that selectiveness takes over. He omits to mention, for example, that his mandate at the June election of that year was merely to "negotiate". not to join. In that sense, the people were given no say about membership until the relevendum that followed the sham Callaghan renegotiation of 1975.

Heath then claimed entry would only occur with the "full-hearted consent" of the British Parliament and people. That consent was never obtained from the people, and barely from Parliament. The seven-to-five majority at the end of the White Paper debate on October 28, 1971, was hardly "full-hearted". Heath says it was a "free vote", but that is an ex-Chief Whip talking. It was made clear from the spring of 1971 that any Conservative MP opposing the leadership's wish to take Britain into the EEC would forfeit any career prospects he might have entertained.

At the second reading of the Bill in February 1972 the majority was a mere eight, gained (as several survivors have testified) only after unprecedented threats from the whips, including pressure being put on constitvency associations to bring their members into line. Despite such tactics, the Bill only went through with the help of Labour MPs, and after Heath, afraid the Government would be defeated, had threatened a general

Heath never spelled out the federal consequences at the time — unlike his chief negotiator. Lord Rippon, who quite openly, during the proceedings on the Bill, owned up to the nature of the project. But this is the central sophistry of Heath's argument. The British people have many qualities, but, as he must know, assiduous daily reading of Hansard is not among them. They did not hear Rippon's admissions, nor Enoch Powell's accurate warnings of the inevitable federal goals. Heath himself did not even tell his Foreign Secretary, Lord Home, about the key intention to enter a monetary union by 1980 until after the Bill was on the statute book. That is the true measure of his openness not just with the people, but with his col-

Essentially, Heath's recollection of his own conduct is meaningless. Politics is about perception, and the British people perceive — correctly — that they were not properly informed about the consequences of joining the EEC by the Government that took

them in. Heath's (sympathetic) biographer, John Campbell, admits this on page 686 of his life, saying the country was "hoodwinked" by Heath—curiously, the opposite conclusion to which Dr Campbell came in his article Uanuary 11).
In the public mind Heath's record

on Europe is of a piece with his other governmental achievements - such as the legacy of 26 per cent inflation, the three-day week, the prices and in-comes policy, the Industrial Relations Court, the nationalisation of Rolls-Royce and the Sunningdale agreement. It is a record about which anyone without Sir Edward's obvious and underappreciated gift for self-parody would sensibly choose to keep quiet.

Yours faithfully. SIMON HEFFER, Gate Farm House, Great Leighs, Chelmsford, Essex. January 19.

From Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, OM

Sir. There is now a sedulously propagated view that the pro-Europeans deceived the British public by presenting the issue of our membership of the European Community in terms only of markets and economics and not of joining in a political union.
In the 1975 referendum campaign

Edward Heath and I probably took the most active propaganda roles on the "yes" side. I was President of the Keep Britain in Europe campaign and he, as an ex-Prime Minister, was the most resonant Vice-President. When we met at the end we agreed that insofar as we had won the campaign (and the two-to-one result certainly suggested that this was so) it was overwhelmingly on the political argu-

On the economic arguments we felt that we had at least held our own, but it was the political arguments, the questions of Britain's future orientation and of influence through Europe rather than a sterile sovereignty outside Europe which had really gripped and swayed audiences.

Such a conversation, of which I have the clearest recollection, is quite incompatible with the view that we presented Europe just as an affair of packages.

Yours faithfully. ROY JENKINS, House of Lords.

Virus risks in pig

Sir, Pigs may be good to eat but they are not yet ready to wear. I refer to the use of transgenic animal tissue in human transplantation (reports, January 16, 17). This is more an issue of bio-

logical safety than it is of ethics.
It is well known that certain epidemics arise as a consequence of recombination between the human and animal viruses. Flu epidemics are a classic example. New viruses arise by recombination events. Some of the most successful viruses (eg. pox viruses) survive largely on account of the fact that they have expropriated human genes and incorporate them into their own structure to resist defence

It is correct to be concerned about the transfer of pig viruses along with transgenic organs. More worrying are the additional risks of human viruses recombining with pig viruses or pig virus genes hidden within the transplanted pig tissue. The trans-planted organ is a reservoir of pig DNA waiting for recombination to happen, resulting in potential new viruses of unknown infectivity. The fact that recipients of transgenic organs are also under immunosuppressive therapy adds further complications.

versal panacea for solving the organ donor shortage: they are a small but important step in overcoming acute rejection crisis. There remain significant barriers of immunological rejec-

It is my view, in the light of the current level of knowledge on animal/ human virus recombination and need for more information on pig viruses, that to proceed with transgenic animal organ transplants in humans is of unknown hazard, in terms of risk assessment the small gain in delaying rejection of transplants is far outweighed by the considerable risk of creating recombinant viruses.

It is a risk which should not be taken until we have detailed knowledge of the potential for creating recombined viruses carrying new genetic material in animal to human trans-

Yours sincerely. IAN McCONNELL, University of Cambridge. Centre for Veterinary Science. Department of Clinical Veterinary Medicine. Madingley Road, Cambridge.

Church leaders who take sides in political debate

From Mr David H. Warner

Sir, in your leading article on the participation of bishops in political de-bate ("Gas and gaiters", January 11). you state that the Archbishop of York, in his interview with Ruth Gledhill on the same day, "displays a more sophisticated approach to tackling want than many of his colleagues". You compare his comments with those of the Right Reverend Richard Holloway, Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church, in what you call his "under-graduate" article in The Church

You quote the Archbishop as saying there is evidence from across the world that welfare destroys as much as it protects". However true that assertion may be, it very much needs to be set beside Bishop Holloway's: "The question ... is whether we want to transform the reality of a world of injustice and inequality, or go on comforting ourselves for our own privileges by theoretical constructions that justify it."

Those who have read The Church Times article as well as Ruth Gled-hill's account of Archbishop Hope's optimism may well feel that Bishop Holloway's thoughtful article is every whit as perceptive as the Archbishop's ideas, and actually points a way for-

Yours sincerely. DAVID H. WARNER. 41 Ox Lane, Harpenden, Hertfordshire. January II.

From Professor Emeritus David Lowenthal

Sir, "Evidence from across the world that welfare destroys as much as it protects" implies, according to your

Welsh point of view

From the Director of Programmes.

Sir, I'm intrigued to know where your

correspondent, Brenda Maddox, has

her "Welsh fastness". as she calls it in

her curious column headed "Who will

speak for the Principality?" (Media

Curious, since she ponders the question "Which is the principal

broadcaster for Wales?" and comes up

with the strange observation "A battle

for the honour is raging between BBC

Does HTTV - by far the most watch-

ed channel in Wales - not penetrate

her fastness? She obviously watches

"that unloved ITV company" Carl-

ton's programmes when she's back

home in London, but despite "Welsh

husband and Welsh house" she is still

not quite fully focused on Weish TV.

Director of Programmes, HTV Wales.

and Marketing, January 15).

Wales and S4C*.

Yours faithfulv.

MENNA RICHARDS.

The Television Centre, Culverhouse Cross. Cardiff.

leader, that "individual moral choices matter more than collective political decisions in ensuring human dignity". This dismaying gloss converts the Archbishop's dubious but untestable

scepticism into historical absurdity. Ending the slave trade and abolishing slavery, enacting adult suffrage. and providing universal and compulsory schooling, to mention but three advances toward British social dignity, were indeed all fuelled by partisan reformers. But moral zeal in each case reached fruition only by dint of collective political acts.

Yours sincerely, DAVID LOWENTHAL, 56 Crown Street. Harrow on the Hill, Middlesex. January II.

From the Venerable Dr H. Lockley

Sir, A positive feature arising from the present debate on the appropriateness or otherwise of episcopal intrusion into politics is the conclusion that politicians are beginning to take seriously the importance of moral and spiritual factors in the policies to be presented to the electorate. Recent general elections have not been particularly distinguished by this kind of emphasis. That the forthcoming one may prove to be an exception is something devoutly to be wished.

Yours sincerely, HAROLD LOCKLEY, 21 Saxon Close, Market Harborough, Leicestershire.

From the Dean of St Paul's

Sir, Your leading article rightly endor-ses the substance and the style of Archbishop Hope's recent statement: but your provocative comment that

Catering for nut allergy From Dr Richard J. Osborne

Sir, I have had a severe allergy to pea-nuts for at least 30 years, and have required hospital treatment for anaphylaxis (severe allergic reaction) on a number of occasions. My disability requires me to ensure that I do not inadvertently eat nuts, and I routinely check the list of ingredients in packaged food. Increased recognition of the importance of nut allergy has led many food manufacturers and retailers to improve identification of nuts and nut products on labels.

This helpful approach is now being taken to extremes. Many foods I have previously eaten safely are being labelled as "not suitable for nut-allergy sufferers", or have "nut oil" or "nut extract" added to the list of ingredients, without any discernible change in the product or its tolerability; notices have sprung up in supermarkets indicating that products baked instore may be contaminated with nuts: breaklast cereal manufacturers state that any of their products may contain

lar foundation] cannot be allowed to stand unchallenged. The reformation of the Church in England was most certainly bound up with questions concerning national sovereignty and jurisdiction; but it was the repeated boast of our Anglican forefathers in the loth century that "We have planted no new religion but only renewed the old that was undoubtedly founded and used by the Apostles of Christ and other Holy Fathers of the primitive Church." It has been one of the enduring fea-

the Church of England is "an Erastian

foundation" [that is a political or secu-

tures of church polity in Western and Eastern Europe over the centuries that the temporal and the spiritual cannot be easily disentangled from each other. Certainly it is no small part of the task of an established Church to witness to the fact that the secular and the sacred are interrelated and interdependent.

An awareness of this fundamental fact of life provides the common ground on which we must all stand. Politicians must attend to the increasingly urgent questions that are being raised about values and priorities and goals. Churchmen must take account in their public statements of the political realities with which we are all required to live.

The acknowledgement that the boundary between the temporal and the spiritual, the secular and the sacred has, as you put it, "always been porous and is becoming even more so", provides for many of us the indispensable basis for serious engage-

Yours faithfully. JOHN MOSES. The Deanery, 9 Amen Court, EC4.

January 13.

nuts as a result of carry-over from other cereals prepared on the same production line. I am aware of several instances in which people have been frightened by all this into substanti-

ally altering their eating habits. This blanket approach to labelling - presumably a defensive measure by food manufacturers - discriminates against nut-allergy sufferers in a way that would be unacceptable in any other form of illness. It is not permitted, for instance, to tell a physically disabled person they cannot enter a theatre in their wheelchair because of fire risks: alternative salety arrangements must be made. Nut-allergy sufferers deserve the same consideration, and investment for provision of a full range of safe, nut-free foods.

Yours faithfully. RICHARD OSBORNE, Quarleston Farm, Clenston Road, Winterborne, Stickland, Dorset.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be fazed to 0171-782-5046.

tissue transplants From Professor Ian McConnell

mechanisms.

The transgenic organs are not a unition yet to be overcome.

Tiger protection

Charles Harris, QC

Sir. The best way to protect the few remaining Indian tigers that Chinesefunded poachers have not yet slain would be to provide some contingents of Gurkhas (letter, January 15). Why don't the World Wide Fund for Nature and other animal charities combine to finance this? It would be practical. popular, effective and difficult for the

Indian Government to turn down. Only this kind of approach, and not further "research", is likely to achieve anything worthwhile.

Yours faithfully, CHARLES HARRIS. The Manor. Westcote Barton, Oxfordshire. January 16.

Airport runway

From Mrs Katie Mallett

Sir, if the Manchester Airport Authority needs to build a second runivay (report, January 16), why can't an arrangement be made to dismantle and relocate the 17th-century buildings in the way? Structures of this age have been successfully relocated elsewhere for the sake of posterity.

This proposal might not pacify the environmentalists, but it might console those who regret the passing of old houses.

Yours faithfully. KATIE MALLETT, 15b Meynell Avenue, Canvey Island, Essex. January Ib.

Flying success

From Mr E. H. Rustort Sir. Each year, a pair of swallows does its 12,000-mile round trip and returns to my garden shed to produce their

After several million pounds of expenditure and the sophistication of satellite communications, Richard Branson does 400 miles (report, January 10). Isn't nature wonderful.

Yours etc. HAROLD RUSTON, Splash Close. Thicket Road, Houghton. Hunningdon, Cambridgeshire. January II.

Water buffalo

From Mr J. G. Nelson

Sir. The things you learn from The Timest From my days in the Royal Navy (circa 1930-45) I always understood that water buffalo (letters, January 17) were Royal Marines.

Yours faithfully. J. G. NELSON, 2 Fiske Gardens, Holton Avenue. Oulton Broad, Suffolk.

SOCIAL NEWS

The Princess Royal will visit Hong Kong from next Sunday to January 31.

The Prince of Wales will visit Kuwait, Bahrain and Qatar from February 21-26.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal, as President of the Patrons, Crime Concern, will attend the corporate reception "Partnerships Work" at Lloyds TSB Group. 71 Lombard Street. EC3 at 6.00; and, as President of the Save the Children Fund, will attend a private appeal dinner at Buckingham Palace at 7.50.

The Duke of Kent, as President of the Edexcel Foundation, will present the student of the year awards at Drapers' Hall at 11.00.

Barry Chedlow, OC

Past and present members of the Chambers at 12 King's Bench Walk were the hosts at a dinner at the RAF Club, Piccadilly, on Friday, January 17, 1997, to celehrate the career and achievements of Barry Chediow, QC, on the occasion of his retirer

The Valentine Ball

The Valentine Ball will be held on seven floors of the Cafe Royal for 3,000 guests on Friday, February 14. Lord Archer of Weston-Super-Mare will draw the raffle for St John Amhulance, Details and £34 rickets from 0171-931 8840

Hereford Cathedral School

The start of the Spring term has seen the first phase in the use of the Zimmerman Building (the former BT Exchange by the Cathedral Close). Modern Languages moved to the second floor, mock GCSEs were taken in the large main half on the first floor. Geography and Drama departments will migrate to other parts of the building in 1997. The II+ entrance examination is on February 1: 3rd/4th for music Exhibitions/Scholarships; and the VIth Form Open Morning on the 8th. The Junior School entrance

Lieutenancy of West Glamorgan

Mr Meyric Lestle Thomas, of Neath, to be Vice-Lord-Lieutenant

Birthdays today

Mr M.J. Buleat, former director general. Association of British Însurers. 48: Dr Alan Borg. director, Victoria and Albert Museum, 55: Sir John Burnett, former Vice-Chancellor, Edinburgh University. 75: Or David Carey, former legal secretary to the Archbishop of Canterbury, 80; Lord Cayaer, 87; the Rev J.S. Coventry, SJ, former Master, St Edmund's House, Cambridge, 82: Mr John Denison, former director. South Bank Con-cert Halls. So: Mr Placido Domingu. tenor. Str. Mr George Foulkes. MP. SS; Dr John Hayes. former director, National Portrait Gallery, 68, Miss Jean Sarah Law. Gallery, 68: Miss Jean Saraft Law, former Assistant Inspector of Constabulary, 81: Mr Ken Magninis, MP, 59: Sir George Middleton, diplomat, 57: Mr Jack Nicklaus, golfer, 57: Lond Justice Phillips, 59; Miss Scone Reid, director, Scottish Arts Council, 47: Mrs. Scottish Arts Council, 47: Mr Paul Scofield, actor. 75: Mr Aubrey Singer, former deputy director-general and managing director. BBC Television. 70: Mr Christopher Stewart-Smith, for-mer president, Association of Brit-ish Chambers of Commerce, 56: ish Chambers of Commerce. 56: the Marquess of Tavistock. 57: Rear-Admiral Sir Richard Trowbridge. 77: Mr Laurence Whistler. glass engraver, 85: Mr Norman Willis. former General Secretary.

Luncheons

Guild of Editors
Mr Doug Melloy, President of the
Guild of Editors, and Mr Bob
Saichwell, chairman of the guild's parliamentary and legal com-mittee, were the hosts at a lunminee, were the nosts at a tun-cheon given yesterday at Bloomsbury House in human of Lord Nolan, chairman of the Committee on Standards in Public

Rotary Club of London Mr Bill Cowen. President of the Rotary Club of London, presided at a luncheon held vesterday at the Portman Hotel. Sir Sigmund Sternberg introduced Ruth Gledhill. Religion Correspondent of The Times, to the club,

Church news

The Rev Adrian Michael Hough. Assistant Priest in Evesham Deurery, to be appointed to the Vicarage of Badsey with Aldington and Offenham and Bretforton in the

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: John Frémont, explorer. Savannah, Georgia, 1813: Thomas (Stonewall) Jackson, Confederate Clarksburg, Virginia, 1824; P. Morron Shand, architectural critic and translator of Gropius's The New Architecture and the Bauhaus, Kensington, 1888; Christian Dior. lashion designer. Granville. Normandy, 1905.

DEATHS: Henry Howard, Earl of Surrey, poet and courtier, executed, London, 1547; Anthony Ashley Cooper, ist Earl of Shaftesbu statesman, Amsterdam, 1683; James Quin, actor, Bath, 1766; Louis XVI. King of France, reigned 1774-93, executed, Paris, 1793: John London, 1802: Henry Hallam.

Herzen, socialist, Paris, 1870: Franz Grillparzer, dramatist. Vienna, 1872: John Couch Adams, astronomer. Cambridge, 1892: Le-nin (Vladimir Hylch Ulyanov). Russian revolutionary. Gorky. 1924: Lytton Strachey, writer, Hungerford, Berkshire, 1932; George Moore, novelist, London. 1933; George Orwell (Eric Blair), novelist, London, 1950; Cecil B. de Mille, film producer. Hollywood.

Taxi cabs were officially recognised in Britain, 1907. The first Monte Carlo car rally began, 1911. USS Nautilus, the first nuclear powered submarine was launched. 1984.

Concorde made its inaugural flight to Bahrain, 1976.



Tom Davis, chairman of the community shop association. Behind him are two other association members, Alison Truefitt and Lynda Jones and her children, and the abandoned shop, post office and petrol station

£2,000 dispute halts village revival

By IAN MURRAY COMMUNITY CORRESPONDENT

A DISPUTE over a strip of land only 12 yards wide is threatening the future of a village which the Government chose as a perfect model for a rural community 18 months ago. The dispute means that a £100,000

project to reopen the village shop is on point of foundering, and the 300 residents claim that bureaucratic bungling by the Government is responsible. in April 1994 the villagers of Llanbadarn Fynydd (the parish of St

Padarn in the Hills) decided to act when the shop, petrol station and post office closed. Llandrindod Wells, the nearest town, is 12 miles away and without local services the villagers feared that the community would lose its heart.

"The average age here is 60, all the young people are leaving and without a village shop at the centre of the community we will die," said Mrs Alison Truefitt, vice-chairman of the association created to reopen the shop. The residents set up a temporary shop

in a portable building in the village hall car park in May 1994 and 30 volunteers have ensured that it has opened every day since then except Christmas.

Within a year the volunteers raised £100,000 to buy and refurbish the abandoned businesses along with three cottages, which stand beside what is now a lay-by on the A483 trunk road. The layby was part of the road from Manchester to Swanses, until it was straightened in 1937.

Before buying the property the village shop association contacted the Weish Office to find out who owned the land between the lay-by and the main road to be sure that there would be guaranteed

access to their property.

The Welsh Office replied that it believed the land was transferred to the Government when the road was straightened and "in the case of land acquired in 1937, there is no initial requirement to offer it back to the original vendor". Believing that meant there was no problem, the association bought the abandoned properties.

The initiative was praised in the rural White Paper. A Working Countryside for Wales, as a perfect example of the kind of enterprise needed to keep remote

Scarcely had the White Paper been published however, than the association received another letter from the Welsh Office saying that there was no documentary proof that the land had ever become government property. The new owner of the land proved to be Ivor Goodwin, who moved to the village 18 years ago. He then had the strip, just 190 yards long by 12 yards wide, valued and

was told it was worth £25,000. After lengthy negotiations the village offered him £5,000 but he has held out for E7.000.

Peter Wilcox-Jones, Mr Goodwin's solicitor, said there were documents going back to the turn of the century showing the land was part of his client's property and there was no evidence at all that any of it had ever been handed over to the Government. "My client wants to be public-spirited and has already gone down much further than the association has been prepared to go up." he said.
"The community shop people have raised £100,000 for the site and now they are hanging out for just £2.000. It is a ransom strip but we are prepared to sell

it cheaply."
Mrs Truefitt said the association was not prepared to pay more than £5,000. 'It would be a useless bit of land were the shop not there and we have already upped our original £1,000 offer five

"We have nothing against the Goodwins but everything against the Welsh Office. They got us into this by giving us wrong advice in the first place. If they really believe we are a model venture they should sort this out by buying the land for us.

The Welsh Office said: "We never had. any certainty about the ownership of the

University news Marriage

Dr K.C. Houston and Miss C. Kinton

The marriage took place recently. in Weymouth, between Dr Kenneth Caldwell Houston, eldest son of Dr James C. Houston, CBE, and Mrs Houston, of Discovery Cottage, Mews Street, St Katharine-by-the-Tower, London El, and Miss Christine Kinton. elder daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Glyn Kinton, formerly of Penn House, Moor Park, Northwood, Middlesex.

Cambridge Queens' College Election to an Honorary

Canon John Polkinghorne. FRS. Westminster The university has awarded the

following honorary degrees: Doctor of Letters (honoris cauca): Dr David Avery, university gov-ernor and former Lord Mayor of the City of Westminster; Dario Fo. Italian playwright, actor and direc-

tor, Jonathan Harris, university governor and founder of the Con-Foundation: Professor Peter Hennessy, historian and journal-int; Dr Richard Hoggart, academic and broadcaster; Jonathon Porritt, environmentalist and former

Doctor of Laws thenoris causal: Dame Margaret Anstee, United Nations special envoy; Gopichand Hinduja, Asian business leader; Larry Hollingworth, United Nations Commissioner for Refugees; Dr L.M. Singhvi, High Commis-

sioner for India, Sir Peter Parker, former chairman of

Doctor of Science (hosoris Professor Terence Burtin, former rector of the University of Westminster, Relph Erskine, architect Dr Alan Rudge, deputy chief executive of BT: Sir Richard Syles, deputy chairman and chief executive of Glaxo-Wellcome: Professor Lewis Wolpert, Professor of Biology applied to Medicine at University College London Medi-

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M. Chady and Miss C.A. Earle

The engagement is announced between Marcin, elder son of Mr between Marcin, excer son on the and Mrs Andrzej Chady, of Glogów, Poland, and Caroline, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Earle, of Yatton, Bristol. Mr B.C. Davis and Miss K.M. Hodgson

The engagement is announced between Brian, son of Mr and Mrs Deryck Davis, of Sydney, and Katrina, daughter of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Hodgson, of Gerrards Cross. Mr P.C. Doesner

and Miss L.E. Einert The engagement is announced between Paul, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Paul Deemer, of London, and LeeAnn, elder daughter of Dr Alfred Einert, of Fayeneville, Ar-kansas, and Mrs Anne Stroud, of Little Rock, Arkansas. Mr.D. Jackson and Miss V.J. Grainger

The engagement is announced between Daren, son of Mr and Mrs Colin Jackson, of Winchmon Hill North London, and Vanes daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Grainger, of Upminster, Essex. Mr P.A. Norris

The engagement is announced between Paul, eldest son of Dr and Mrs David Norris, of Bristol, and Rosemary, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Nigel Bain, of Hertfordshire. Count A. Guerrini-Maraldi and Miss C.E. Skepper -

The engagement is announced between Alessandro, elder son of Count and Countess Demerrio Guerrini-Maraldi, of Rome, Italy, and Catrina, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Edmund Skepper, of Kensington, Landon.

Mr D.J. Hince and Miss A. Pilkington

The engagement is announced between David, only son of Brigadier and Mrs Charles Hince, of Throcking. Hertfordshire, and Alexandra, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Pilkington, of Dinisham, Devon.

Mr M.P.C. Newsom Davis and Miss L.K. Edwards

The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs Leslie Newsom Davis, of Heyshott, Sussex, and Lisa, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Smart Edwards, of Sneyd Park,

Mr G.J. Rota and Miss L.C. Jones The engagement is announced between Gavin, younger son of Mr

and Mrs Anthony Rola of London, and Louise, daughter of Mr H.H. Jones, of Stockport, and Ms Christine Eden, of Colwyn Bay, and stepdaughter of Mrs H.H.

Memorial service

Sir Rosald Leach

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Sir Ronald Leach, chartered accountant, was held yesterday in the Chapel of the Order of the British Empire, St Paul's Cathedral. Canon Michael. Saward officiated, assisted by the

Mr Jason Moore and Mrs Katharine Thompson, grand-children, read the lessons. Sir John Grenside paid tribute. Among others present were:

others present were:

Sir Robert and Lady Sherston-Baker from and daughter-in-law). Mrsborothy Leach (daughter-in-law). Mrsborothy Leach (daughter-in-law). Mrshar and dirs John Moore. Mr and Mrs Christopher Johnson-Perguson and Mr and Mrs Quentin Johnson fromleach. Mr Shoore. Miss Victoria Johnson-Perguson. Mrs Wictoria Johnson-Perguson. Mrs Lucy JohnsonPerguson. Miss Lucy JohnsonRenard Binns Brother Johnson igrandchildreni. Mr said Mrs
Richard Binns Brother In-law and sister-in-law) and other members of the family.

Lord Keith of Castissers. Lord

singer-in-law) and other members of the family.

Lord Reith of Castissers, Lord Barber, the Hon Sir Angus Oglivy, the Hon Lady Althen, Mr Jeremy Hanley (Minister of Shale for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs), Lady Judgs. Sir Robin Gillen Irepresenting the Order of the Smiss Empire), Lady Grestode, Sir John Resti, Sir Jan Fraser, Lady Rampion. Sir Robert Clark Sir Jenera and Lady Pest. Sir Anthony and Lady Hayward, Sir Douglas Morpeth, Lady Rellly.

Mr Colin Sharman (UK Sector Partner, KPMG) and Mrs Sharman with Mr Mike Rake. Mr Gerry Acher, Mr Robert Berg, Mr Ian Burlow, Mr Michael Fowls and many pest and

present members of the company, Mr. Patrick Gillam ichairman. Standard Charlered Banki, Mr. Anthony 1922; (Stephenson Harwood), Mr. David Richards (chairman, Walker Greenbank), Mr. A. W. Mallinson (Slaughter & May), Mr. T. J. Arther (senior parmer, Richards Butler), Mr. George Staple (director, Senious Fraud Office), Mr. Brian Currie (president, Institute of Charlered Accountants in England and Wales), Dr. Colin Riven (headmaster, Aleyn's School, Dulwich) with Mr. J. Prellove (president, Edward Alleyn's Club), Mr. and Mrs. S. P. J. Butler, Mr. R. K. Nicholson, Mr. Richard Agmire, Mr. and Mrs. St. George Wilson, Mr. Randers, Mr. Andres Nevile, Dr. and Mrs. St. George Wilson, Mr. James Porbes, Mr. Tony Howitt, Mr. and Mrs. John Barton, Mrs. K. Jennings, Mrs. P. Dunnill, Mr. and Mrs. John Barton, Mr. K. Jennings, Mrs. P. Dunnill, Mr. and Mrs. John Barton, Mr. Graid Cary-Elwes, Mr. Hugh Stevenson, Mr. Robin Jessel, Mrs. J. O'Relliy Cleconi, Mr. and Moore, Mr. John David Ashton, Bestock, Mr. John David Ashton, Bestock, Mr. John David Ashton, Bestock, Mr. John Flustler, Mr. John Barton, Mr. C. P. Pagnamentus, Mr. Terry Webber, Mr. Brian Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Gilnes Mrs. Grank, Mr. and Mrs. Gilnes Mrs. Richard Peal, Mr. Tony Webber, Mr. Brian Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Gilnes Mrs. Polyno, Mr. David Adier, Mr. P. Renshall, Mr. John Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Polyno, Mr. David Song, Mr. John Mrs. Mr. Land Mrs. Honder, Mr. Engen, Mr. Charles Rawlinson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Arnold, Mr. John Murray, Mr. Richard Spadding, Mr. C. Home, Mr. David Song, Mr. Benshall, Mr. John Mrs. Mr. and Mrs. J. Arnold, Mr. John Murray, Mr. Richard Spadding, Mr. C. Home, Mr. David Song, Mr. Benshall, Mr. John Mrs. Mr. and Mrs. J. Arnold, Mr. John Murray, Mr. Richard Spadding, Mr. C. Home, Mr. David Song, Mr. David Mrs. Richard Spadding, Mr. C. Home, Mr. David Song, Mr. Song, Mr. C. Mr. and Mrs. J. Arnold, Mr. John Murray, Mr. Richard Spadding, Mr. C. Home, Mr. David Song, Mr. Song, Mr. C. Mr. and Mrs. Clark Spadding, Mr. C. Home, Mr. David Hollows, Mr. Song, Mr.

Latest wills

Lord Amery of Lustleigh, of London SWI, left estate valued at 1.09.0001 SW1, left estate valued at F4.345.502 net.
He ten all his political papers plus published and unpublished inerary work manuscripts, photographs, illustrations and recorded numer is Winston Churchill, MP, his son Leopoid Amery and Son-in-law John Harvey Bottler.

Baroness Nugent, of Dulverton, Somerset, left estate valued at

Sybil Freda Bennett, of Rodborough Common, Stroud. Gloucestershire, left [1,034,925]

Angus Christopher Alimatt, of Talbot Woods, Bournemouth, Dorset, left £1,753,354 net. Albert Newberger, of Hampstead, London, NWS, left £1,010,506 net. He left £2,000 to the Royal Society

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PERSONAL COLUMN

There are varieties of activity, but in all of them and in everyone the same God is active. In each of us the for some useful purpose. Corinthians 12 : 6,7

BROCKWELL - On 15th January 1997 at The Royal Free Hampstead to Anno and Graham, a son, Daniel

GOODING - On January 13th 1997, to Amanda (nee Wilson) and Mike, GUMMESS - On January 16th 1997 in London, to Luiu and Valentine, a daughter, Madeleine Rose.

MUSSEM AND December 29th 1996 at The Portland Hospital an adorable 50n. Omar Ruhim was born to Kathryn (née Wolfe) and

O'SULLIVAN - On January 17th in Boston, Mass, USA, to Beth nee Bakerman) and Ivan, 3 son, Brian Robert Eakerman.

ROBERTS - On January 18th 1997 in Lundon, to Erica and 177/ IN LUNDON, to Erica and Matthew, 3 daughter, Polly

SAUL - On January 16th 1997 It The Fortland Hospital. Natascha, Danny and Jordan celebrate the birth of the beautiful Jonine Chantal. SWARISON - On January 6th at The Fortland Hospital, to Karen (ace Farber) and Richard, a son, Cameron

TUMMICLIFFE - On 17th fanuary 1997, to Elaine and Bilke, a son, Milo Oscar Jack, a brother for Ava.

DEATHS

ADLER - L Michael, vary Jonathan and Josephine (Joreida), loved brother of Elizabeth (ather-in-law of Hoop Lane. Friends are warmly welcome at home during the afternoon, Prayers at 8 pm.

DEATHS

RANCROFT - Gordon, eged 88. peacefully after a short illues on 18:b [annary 1997. Devoted father of Roger and Nicholas and loving grandiather of Simon (Adian), Edward, Summah, Giles and Tessa, Nuch loved brother of Douglas, Osmund, Kunneth (dec'd), Biasa and Joy, Cremation at 10:30 am, Tuesday, 28th [annary at Landican Crematorium at Landican Crematorium at 10:30 cm.) Landican Crematorium followed by a Thanksgiving Service at 1.30 am, at St Peter's Church, Lower Heswall, Wirral.

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BARBER-LOMAX - (Nee Martin). On 14th January 1997, peacefully after a chort sudden filines Amy Margaret (Peggy), beloved wife of Geoffree who died in July 1996. Much loved mother of Marin, Charles, Pater and Ruth and very special grandmother. Funeral at St Micholas Church, Harpenden on Tuesday january 28th at 2pm. No flowers, please, but donations if wished to The Reyal National Lifeboat Institution through Phillips

Reval National English Institution through Phillips Funeral Services, Parchment House, 9 Victoria Road, Harpanden, Herts, ALS 4EB (01582 461100). Harpanden, Herts, ALS 44B (01582 461100).

BOLES - Vernon Coleridge Boles, on Jannary 17th in Newport, Geens, husband of Lizabeth (Biddy), father of Lizabeth (Biddy), fat

BOTLEY - Maureen as Dorothy House Hospice, near Bath, on 14th January after a courageous battle. Much loved wife of Graetne and devoted mether of Sarah and Carolina. To those who knew her, a light han gone out. Sadiy missed by many friends. Funeral at Haycombe at 1 pm on Monday 27th January. Donations if desired to January Bounds and Toundaties.

Ruth Brinkmann-Schaltranek MBE died on Lungary 18th after a long battle against cancer. Co-founder and Artisuk Otwotor of Vienna's English Theatre, Austria. For anguist incore, Austria, for beformation on funeral arrangements please ring Vanesea Mailattrit (01304) B13330 Will be greatly missed and lovingly

BROWN - On January 18th
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Gillian and devoted
grandfather and great-Gillian and devoted grandfather and greatgrandfather Funcual Service at Pitlochry Church of Scotland, on Thursday January 23rd at 12:45 pm and thereafter at Perth Crematorium at 2:30 pm. There will also be a Memorial Service at a later date Family flowers only but donations if desired to Scripture Union Scotland, 9 Canal Street, Glasgow.

COLTMAN ROCELS - SIND widow of Guy, on January
18th peacefully ar home.
Funeral Service at St
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Stowe, on Friday 24th at
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ALLARDYCE - Feacefully at Broadless, Cheltenham on 12th (smosty 1997, after a slong litness, Winifred Katharine aged 86 years, formerly of Baslow, Derbyshire, Wife of Katharine aged 86 years, formerly of Baslow, Derbyshire, Wife of Baslow, Derbyshire of Baslow, Derbyshire of Baslow, Derbyshire of Baslow, Derbyshire Desburg, and Sister of John Cacktoben, Naim). Funeral Service at Chelenham Crematorism on Fiday 24th January 18th January 18th at 9.30 as. No flowers by request. Donathons for Burton Closes Narsing Homse of JW. 8 J. Metam Limited, Mill Street.

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ELIOTT - Peter Wilson on 16th factury 1997 suddenly at home aged 61, darling husband of Factor, belowed father of Andrew and Glos, older brother of Bossmary and Christopher, Grearly missed by family and friends. Functul Service at 11 am on Friday 24th january at 38 Martin-by-The Green, Lower Bourne, Farnham, Surrey, Family fluwers only.

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PRABLE - On 14th January, in her 91st year, Margirt, beloved wife of the late Charles Julies and mother of Eath, Margirt and Vertma, died peacefully In Cambridge after a short filmers. Requiem Mans. at the Holy Family Church, Welseyn Garden City, on 28th January at 2 pm. Family fivers only. Denations, if desired, to Aid to the Church in Need c/o Coughlan in Need c/o Coughiau Brothers, Welwyn Garden Cky.

Gillies - Peocefully, in Murrayfield Hospital on Sunday, Innuary 19th, 1997, Maurice Gordon Gilles, TD. Of Farelly of Lun either Lanark, 1958-1982, Shertill Principal of South Strathelyde, Dumfrier and Galloway 1962-1988, denily loved husband of Anne McCall-Suith, Funeral at Mortonball Crematerium McCall-Suith Funeral at Mortonball Crematorium Fentland Chapel on Setuday, January 25th, of 11.15 an No Rowers please. Donations instead would be appreciated to the Department of Clinical Oncology, Western General Hospital, Crewe Road, Edinburgh.

GREM - Richard Cansalliar of The Whittern, Lyonshall, Herefordshire, on Sunday, January 19th, aged 72 years, proceedily at home after a courageous fight against leukaemia. Dearly loved husband of Julie, father of Ricola, Joanna, Jonathan, and Sara and grandiather of Wilbelminn, and Hannah, funeral private. No flowers pleasa. Thanksplying Service to be held at Hereford Cathedral on Saturday March Sth, at 11.30 am.
Enquiries to A.W. Hughes Enquirles to A.W. Hughes (01544-370217).

SUSHMANAY-Fath Madeline, 1916-1997, peacefully en 19th lanuary, Tambopdring Service on Monday 27th January at 11 am at the United Reformed Church, Banstond, Surry, No flower, donations to the National Children's Hous, "United with your Frank and at peace", From your loving children and families. Madeline, David, Malcolm and Lenius,

MARBURY - Christopher, pencfully on January 17th 1997, used 91. Nuch leved husband of Mha and father of Sen, Juliet and David. Dearly leved by his grandchildren and geargrandchildren. Family tuneral No Senson, please, but donathous, if desired, to 5t Mary's Church, Hitcham. Thankeniving Service to be strategied.

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HUNTER- Lampart Car Cott of
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MOSTWOCH Geograph Edith (not Whittall) on 10th January at Montreex, Switzerland, aged 94. Beloved wife of the late Exigniler Results Howcood and dearly loved mother of Philip.

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SEGAL - Ann Segal on 18th January 1997, very peacefully after a short liness aged 87. Devoted wife of the late Mendle Segal Leving and greatly level mother of Alex and Michael and Scored seamentar of Mark Ann. Guy and Lior. Funeral Service took place on 20th parenty.

MolELIAN - Marjorie died peacefully aged 90 on Monday January 20th at Walton Heath Manor, Walton-on-the-Hill, Tadworth Much leved wite, soother, grandmother and greet-grandmother. Funeral arrangements pulsate, Lamby

on January 16th in Broomfield Hospital, Chelhafford, aged 76. Bruch lovel and saidy missed by his family and friends. Funeral at Sr Edmunds, Inguestone, 12 moon, Friday, January 24th, Family flowers only, Donations if desired to Broomfield Hospital Cardisc Cars.

NORRES - On January 15th 1997 peacefully at Lynford House Nursing Home, Bulley, Eath new Anderson of Woodgreen, oped 93 years. Wife of the late Francis Heary Noarts and mother of High Much loved by all her family and tiemes. Funeral Service at Salisbury Grematorium on Tuesday February 4th at 1220 pm. However and all enquiries to Barrow Bros., Funeral Directors, 2 Namery Road, Engwood, Hanns. (01425) Ringwood, Hancs. (01425) 472104.

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(Pat), peacefully on 20th January, after a long Maess, aged 90. Beloved wife of David, mother of David and Ann., Strandwother of Harthew and Nicholas.

SYMINGTOR - On 19th January, Eileen Hardey, peacefully aged 97, et White Cliffe House Numing Home, Blandford-Forum, Dorset, Widow of Maurice M. Symington OBE of Opurto, beloved mother of Michael, And and Bob. Granny of thinteen and gratt-granny of twenty sir. Puneral at St. Peter's Church, Fingenne, on Saturday 25th January at reter's Church, Pimperne, on Saturday 25th January at 1994.

TUTTERSAM - Michael Lofter 101 Person - sichnel Lotter, peacefully in hospital on 17th January after a long filmers bothe with great courage and dignity, aged 69 years. Lording and desply loved husband of Pat, father loved husband of Par, father of John and the late Larry. Funeral Service at St Luke's Church, Matthald at 12 noom on Monday 27th January. Flowers or donations, if the latest Secretary, c/o E.R. Hickmott & Son, 41 Gnove Hill Read, Tumberige Wells, TM, 18th.

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TWONES - On January 18th 1997 at home aged 82 years, Dr. Jeremish Micholm Twohig O.B.B., beloved husband of Mary (and the late Worsh), father of Michael and Zaymond.

Laty and St John, Beswall, Whral Monday January 27th at 10 am, followed by private cremation, Family flowers only. If desired ZOLLINGER - Fred E. oz ZOLLIMGER - Fred E. on January 15th, at home after a long filmess. Nuch loved aterprather of Erancis, brother of Nolan and mode of Michael and Nadio. Memorial Service at Chobham Farlah Church, 230 pm Thursday January 23rd. Family flowers only please, but donations to The Animal Health Turn much represented.

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moylan - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of His Honour David Moylan will be held at St Peter and St Paul's Church, Pressingfield, et 2,45 pm on Saturday February 15th 1997. MOYLAN - A Service WOTTON - Robert Richoles (Rick) on January 10th 1997 after a sudden illness. Genery loved by family and friends. Former employee of Blue Citetle & Burmak Castrol. Thanksgiving Services at Reigate Park Church at 1230 pm Friday January 24th followed by family butish at Buckland Church, Family flowers only but demand if deaths for Winged Fellowship Trust (Crabhill Rouse) c/o Stoneman Funeral Service, Daran Court, Reddill, RHI 6AZ. IN MEMORIAM -PRIVATE

MATT - Dr. Werner, ORE, died on 21st January 1987. Germany's loss, Britain's gain. VSL - Leale John Frank of Wadham Closs, Shapperton, Peacefully asleep 18th January aged 90, Funeral details from Lodge Bros., (01932) 220081, Family Howest only Donarions SERVICES

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OBITUARIES

CROWN PRINCE ASFA-WOSSEN

Crown Prince Asfa-Wossen of Ethiopia eldest and only surviving son of the Emperor Haile Selassic I, died in Virginia on January 17 aged 80. He was born on July 27, 1916.

s heir to Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia, Crown Prince Asia-Wossen was born to become King of Kings and Conquering Lion of Judah. But during his lifetime he was to see his father's absolute powers of monarchy whittled away. Accused of abusing the authority, dignity and honour of his office for his own personal gain, Haile Selassie was eventually deposed. and by the time Asfa-Wossen was himself crowned Emperor it was by an underground Crown Council operating within a republic which had no place for a monarch, and Asia-Wossen himself had long been living in exile.

Prince Merid Azmach Asfa-Wossen was born exactly two months before his father, Ras Talari, was proclaimed regent and heir to the Ethiopian throne. He was only three months old when his father had to leave for the battle front at Sagale where the deposed, uncrowned Emperor, Lij lyasu, was lighting the forces of the Empress Zawditu and Ras Tafari.

Before leaving Addis Ababa, the regent took his young son to the British Legation and entrusted him to the care of the British minister, Wilfred Thesiger. The baby remained there in safety until the battle was won and his parents came to take him back home. The episode established a close bond between the Ethiopian. Royal Family and the Thesigers. Nor was this the last time in his life that the prince was to find refuge with the British.



in 1930 Ras Tafari, was crowned Negus (supreme ruler of Ethiopia) as Haile Selassie I. The Prince became Crown Prince and was appointed governor of Wollo province. But the country was almost immediately faced with the threat from Italy. Mussolini was determined to establish an Italian empire in Africa and, refusing all attempts at conciliation, invaded Ethiopia.

With the Italian occupation of the country in 1936, the Crown Prince was offered a chance to become a puppet emperor. He refused, following his parents into exile in England. There they took up residence in a mansion in Bath and the Prince attended university in Liverpool. He remained in Britain until 1941 when, with the Second World War, British and Commonwealth forces reconquered Ethiopia and Haile Selassie was restored to the throne.

A dapper, smiling man, Crown Prince Asia-Wossen seemed little like his father who, though charismatic, was an overpowering autocrat. Yet, if there was much speculation about the difficult relationship between father and son, the family was a closeknit one enjoying, at least, a mutual respect.

The Prince was 57 years old when he suffered a stroke and During a short-lived coup was flown to London for which took place in 1960 while treatment. His entire right Halle Selassie was on a visit to side was paralysed and his speech impaired. He was still Brazil, the Crown Prince, with

recovering in Geneva when in 1974 a group of military officers seized control of Ethiopia in a coup d'etat, deposing Haile Selassie, suspending the constitution and dissolving parliament.

To appease pro-royalists, the new military dictatorship at first proclaimed that the Crown Prince would become king, a figurehead monarch who was to wield no power in the country's administrative and political affairs. A few months later they changed their minds and established a "socialist republic" instead. Perhaps this was partly because, although the prince was certainly regarded as being more liberal-minded

than his father, his strong-arm methods of acquiring land had begun to be exposed. The prince meanwhile continued to live in exile in London. After Haile Selassie's death

in 1975, the Crown Prince refused to assume the title of monarch until such time as the Ethiopian people were free to make a decision. In April 1989, the underground Crown Council in Ethiopia formally proclaimed him Emperor, and he decided to interpret this proclamation as the call from his people for which he had been waiting. He assumed the regnal name Amha Selassie (Gift of the Trinity) and designated his son. Prince Zara Yacob, as Crown Prince. The wisdom of the step of assuming the crown at that particular time has often been

In 1990 the Ethiopian Royal Family moved to the United States. When Mengistu's murderous regime was toppled in 1991, the new Government of Ethiopia exhumed the body of Haile Selassie and arranged a Christian burial for some 60 murdered notables. The date chosen for the service was the centenary of Haile Selassie's birth, July 23, 1992, but his son felt unable to attend under the conditions offered by the new Government.

Crown Prince Asfa-Wossen married first, Princess Wallata Israel, the daughter of a governor of Tigre province. They had one daughter. But as the princess could have no further children an amicable divorce was arranged. Their daughter later died during a cruel imprisonment in Addis Ababa. He married, secondly, Princess Madfalash Work, by whom he is survived together with their son and three daughters. Their son, Prince Zara Yacob, an Oxford graduate, currently lives in Manchester with a Rastafarian community.

MARTIN REDMOND

Martin Redmond, Labour MP for Don Valley since 1983, died of cancer yesterday aged 59. He was born on August 15, 1937.

MARTIN REDMOND used to say that coal ran in his bloodstream. He was a miner's son and drove a coal forry for 36 years before he entered the House of Commons as MP for the Don Valley, a constituency dominated by its stream of colliery villages. He was sponsored by the once allpowerful National Union of Mineworkers, and the union never had a more devoted MP. He made a quiet start in the

House but developed into a persistent questioner, A natural leftwinger, he consistently backed the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, rebelled against the Gulf War and voted for John Prescon and against Tony Blair in the 1994 leadership contest. He mistrusted the European Union.

On social matters he stuck, however, to the traditionalist views of the old mining communities and was one of the 29 Labour MPs who voted in 1994 agaist lowering the age of homosexual consent to lo. But it was coal which domi-

nated his parliamentary career. He set out his beliefs soon after he was elected when he told the House that the primary task of the industry was to supply the energy needs of the country - not to make a profit. He was bitterly critical of Neil Kinnock and other leading Labour figures for not backing the striking miners in 1984.

Lord Parkinson, who as Cecil Parkinson was Energy Secretary, was one of his special targets. When Parkinson increased the amount of foreign coal allowed into Britain he was belaboured by Redmond for allowing im-ports of Colombian fuel

PAUL TSONGAS



brought to the surface by the blood of children".

Martin Redmond was educated at Woodlands (Roman Catholici School and on day release courses at Sheffield University. He was elected to Doncaster Borough Council in 1975 and served as chairman of the Labour Group and leader of the council before he entered Parliament. He was also vice-chairman of the Doncaster Area Health Authority. As an MP he was an alternate delegate to the Council of Europe and Western European Union and was treasurer of the British-Malta Parlia-

mentary Group.

Bald and bearded, with a tall commanding presence, he was an easily recognisable figure as he rose in the chamber to put one of his numerous questions, and in the bars of the House, where he was a devoted supporter of

Northern beer. When Tetley's, the Leedsbased brewers, issued a slightly flippant advertisement in southern newspapers suggesting that Yorkshiremen were tight-fisted, Redmand fired off a protest to Tetley's chairman saying it was "appalling and insulting" to all Yorkshiremen and claiming that such views would drive away trade and industry from the North.

On Yorkshire and on beer. as on coal. Redmond's views were unswerving.

PATRICIA McLAUGHLIN

Patricia McLaughlin, CBE, Ulster Unionist MP for West Belfast, 1955-64. died on January 7 aged 60. She was born on June 23, 1916.

PATRICIA MCLAUGHLIN arrived at the Commons in 1955 after a contest which summed up the sectarian nature of Ulster politics. Her West Belfast seat had been won for the republicans in 1951 by Jack Beattle in a straight fight between his Irish Labour Party and the Ulster Unionists - by just 25 votes.

Four years later, with a Sinn Fein candidate also standing. the republican vote was split and McLaughlin was returned with a spectacular

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majority of more than 18,000. After McLaughlin's own retirement West Belfast was duly held once - in 1964 - by Sir James Kilfedder, but the flight of many Protestant voters from this bitterly divided community meant that subsequently the Unionists forfeited the seat first for five elections to Gerry (now Lord) Fitt, and later, in two elections, to Gerra Adams. The Sinn Fein leader was eventually defeated in 1992 by Dr Joe Hendron of the SDLP, undoubtedly helped by the tactical voting of some of

McLaughlin certainly realised the importance of religion in this seat. She campaigned at elections holding a Bible in her hand. In the House, too.

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she was always conscious of why she had won. She once brandished a red glove in the chamber and threw it down on the next seat, declaring: "This is the Red Hand of Ulster." It

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turned out she only wanted to draw attention to unemployment in Northern Ireland. Her capacity for rather

a pistol at his back, was forced

to broadcast a text prepared by

the rebels. It was claimed that

he had deposed his father. But

his father on his return

showed a dignified under-standing of the event. The rebels had tried to use his son

as a front, he said. Such an act

of treachery was in no way worthy of him. The Prince,

indeed, was lucky to be alive.

During the fighting, a loyal general had saved his life by

shielding him from rebel

machinegun fire.

meaningless gestures includ-ed going to the Bar of the House on one occasion and demanding to speak from there on an amendment to the Finance Bill which concerned Northern Ireland. She said she wanted the right to speak "without being on one side of the House or the other". Told by the Speaker that this was impossible, she promptly re-turned to speak from her

usual seat. With Northern Irish interests at heart, she was a constant propagandist for Irish linen. Another of her campaigns was to ban turn-

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stiles in women's public lavatories, and in this she was allied, on that issue only, with Barbara Castle.

The final stage of her parliamentary career was clouded by a temporary directorship of a firm called Seenozip industries, formed to manufacture "invisible" zips. it was revealed that the company had defrauded the Northern Ireland Ministry of Commerce of £30,000, and as a result, two men were jailed. Although McLaughlin had resigned her directorship immediately she suspected the company was behaving wrongly, she was criticised by a Northern Ireland watchdog committee in October 1964, for not revealing that she had been given free

By that time, she had decided not to fight West Belfast again because of ill-health. She made an attempt to return to the Commons when she was chosen to fight Central Wandsworth in 1970, but she failed to win this marginal seat, despite the scale of the Heath victory.

shares in the company.

Florence Patricia Alice McLaughlin had been an Ulster Unionist supporter from her schooldays at Ashleigh House, Belfast, and held student political office when she went on to Trinity College Dublin. She became chairman of the Unionist Society, and later secretary/treasurer of the Mid-Down Unionist Women's Association.

Apart from politics, she worked ceaselessly for voluntary and consumer associations, and was the first general secretary of the Foundation for Marriage Guidance, She was appointed CBE in 1975. The daughter of Canon

F. B. Aldwell, she was married in 1937 to Henry McLaughlin, a civil engineer and businessman. He predeceased her, as did one of her daughters. She is survived by the other daughter and a son.

Paul Tsongas, presidential candidate in the 1992 Democrane

primaries, died of cancer on January 18 aged 55. He was born on February 14, 1941.

PAUL TSONGAS was the former junior senator from Massachusetts who nearly tornedoed Bill Clinton's presi dential bid in 1992 by beating him in the New Hampshire primary. He did so with a belttightening message which allowed Clinton, in later Southern primaries, to run against him on the Left and to accuse Tsongas of being a "trickle-down" economist in the Reaganite mould.

Tsongas's campaign eventually ran out of steam and finances. But while his own shot at the presidency was always a long one, Tsongas indirectly aided Clinton's. Had he not done so startlingly well in the opening rounds. other anti-Clinton Democratic heavyweights might well have declared their candidacy. Clinton would then have been faced with more of a challenge.

Tsongas had battled and apparently beaten cancer in the 1980s, and his uncertain health lent a refreshing inten-sity to his political style. Bravely, Tsongas had been the first Democrat to declare his candidacy in 1991, a year when President Bush's approval ratings were riding high. Clinton. however, had become the front-runner by the time the candidates congregated in the Granite State in January 1992.

for the opening primary.

Traditionally, New Hampshire is the primary that all future Presidents must win. But in the 1992 primary Clinton's campaign was sunk by the Gennifer Flowers and draft-dodging scandals. It was a marvel that he managed to survive it at all, let alone come in second.



With Clinton on the ropes. and candidates like Bob Kerrey running half-hearted campaigns, the local boy Tsongas emerged as the leader. "I'm no Santa Claus," was his slogan, as he preached to factory workers about the need to balance budgets, raise petrol taxes and defer any idea of the middle-class tax cut which Clinton was promising. Everywhere he went, he carried his 86-page pamphlet, A Call to Economic Arms. He wore ill-fitting suits and glasses, and coughed during his speeches. But his apparent amateurishness, and his chipmunk smile appealed to the

So, too, against all predictions, did his medical record. The initial cancer in 1983 had interrupted his political career and Tsongas had given up a promising career in the Senate for a lucrative job in a Boston law firm, so that if he died his family would be provided for. By 1992 the cancer appeared to have been beaten. His strength of character and family loyalty impressed voters.

Clinton, however, although he came second to Tsongas in New Hampshire, concentrated his efforts in the South. After Tsongas had won Maryland, Utah and Washington. Clinton began broadcasting negative advertisements, portraying Tsongas as a watered-down Republican who would cut pensioners' social security. Finally on Super Tuesday designed to eliminate guys like me." as Tsongas ruefully described it - Clinton swept the South. Tsongas, not wanting to be a spoiler, suspended his campaign.

fronically, much of the Tsongas message was adopted by the new Administration. after Clinton's cherished economic stimulus package was forced to make way for hairshirt economies. Clinton was indebted to Tsongas, who had proved that it was possible to be a Democrat and still want to balance the budget.

Tsongas understood about economic hardship from his childhood. He was the son of Greek immigrants. His mother had died from tuberculosis in a sanatorium when he was seven. After school he helped his father in the family drycleaning business. He was inspired, like Clinton, by President Kennedy's call to public service and joined the Peace Corps. Alterwards he studied at Yale Law School and then went into politics.

He started on the Lowell City Council, and in 1974 took on the Republican Congressman Paul Cronin in a solidly Republican district and won. In 1978 he defeated the Republican Senator Edward Brooke. In the Senate he helped to push through a landmark Bill protecting environmentally sensitive land in Alaska.

After his withdrawal from the 1992 race. Tsongas set up the Concord Coalition which focused attention on the budget deficit. But in 1992 cancer recurred. He developed another type of lymphoma. then liver problems and finally pneumonia. However wasted he looked from the chemotherapy in his last years, he remained, in his televised appearances, an endearingly humorous speaker.

He is survived by his wife Nicola and three daughters.

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Last evening a large audience, which included all the personnel of the French Embassy, except the Ambassador, who was unavoidably prevented from attending, assembled at the Conference Hall of the Institut Français du Royaume Uni to hear a ecture by Lieutenant-Colonel Fagalde, CMG, DSO. Assistant Military Attache at the French Embassy, entitled "From Charleror to the Marne".

In this lecture the object of Colonel Fagalde was to give his audience an exact idea of the events which took place in 1914, from the time of the concentration of the French armies up to the battle of the Marne, in that field of operations which was comprised between the Sambre and the Marne.

Colonel Fagalde gave an account of the battle of Charleroi, which raged from August 21 to 23. He went on to describe the natural alarm created on the last day of August, when the Allies were informed by the staff of the Fifth Army, then stationed at Laon, that a mass of German cavalry had just received orders to deploy from the district north-west of Novon on to the plains south of Laon, which movement had forced the Fifth Army to bend its line of march towards the south-east. The removal of French Headquarters to Craorine

ON THIS DAY

January 21, 1921

The chance discovery, in the satchel of a dead officer, of a dramatic change of plan by the First World War German General Von

Kluck, enabled the French to make a surprise attack on the German flank and led to victory at the Marne. and to Jonchery immediately followed

At the latter place, during the night of September I to 2, there was brought to the lecturer the satchel of a German staff officer of the Fifth Cavalry Division, who had been killed in his motor-car by a French patrol. In this saichel, destined to become historic, was found a treasure of inestimable value - a plan giving full details of the march, which started the following day, of the whole of the First German Army under Von Kluck

The officer's satchel, which was of very large dimensions, contained in addition to food and articles of clothing, blood-stained

documents which showed that he had been to Von Kluck's headquarters for instructions and was on his way back to the 5th Cavalry Division when he was intercepted and killed But tucked away under food and clothing was found a map, on which were traced all the movements to be undertaken after September I by Von Kluck's Army. The position of every column was plainly marked, with their heads and rearguards, and the hours of departure and arrival at their destinations. But what was of supreme importance was the discovery that Von Kluck's plan, already known to the French staff, of marching into the valley of the Oise, had been changed into one of a direct march on Paris, to begin on the morning of September 2

Colonel (then Captain) Fagalde at once telephoned this information to GHQ, and immediately followed up his message by sending the map and other documents by motor-car to the same destination. The telephone message and the map have been carefully preserved, and there can be little doubt that to this discovery is mainly owing the success which attended General Gallieni's manocurre of throwing a hitherto unknown and unsuspecied army on Von Kluck's flank, with the resultant victory of the Marne and the German retreat to the Aisne.

YOUR OWN BUSINESS

A whole new ball game for former ice hockey ace

Rodney Hobson on a specialist sports

shop attracting customers from afar

Williams coach

former ice hockey international working as a backstage technician at the Royal Opera House has finally achieved his true goal in life: running a soccer shop in southeast London.

Geoffrey Williams's ice hockey career was cut short by injury, and the bad luck continued when he injured his arm while working at the Royal Opera House. After surgery he realised that he could

He says: "I had the idea of a shop in the back of my mind for several years. My son Sant. who is now aged nine, is an extremely talented football player who can hold his own with boys three years older

than himself "I coached him from the age of five and he was far better than I imagined him to be. I took FA

coaching badges so l could carry on coaching him. Then as I got further on 1 got called in by Sunday and youth teams to coach."

Plumstead was not an obvious choice for a football shop but Mr Williams lives in the area and suitable premises came available at the right time. "It was perfect for my idea," he says. "The nearest

good football shop was at least three or four miles away. I was not worried about being a bit on the outside because I wanted to try to attract customers to come to me rather than rely on passing trade."

Mr Williams considered widening the scope of the shop to other sports but decided to concentrate on football. He says: "I would rather have people travel some way my shop because I am a

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specialist. Customers come 30, 40 or even 50 miles. If I cut the room allocated to football in my shop to bring in other sports I wouldn't be a specialist, I would be a run-of-themill sports shop."

Mr Williams says replicas of strips worn by top teams are his besiselling line, although he admits they can be expensive, retailing at between £55 and £70. Mr Williams says fans in southeast London can get to his outlet more easily than visiting club shops. Although Charlton Athletic are the nearest Football League team, the club shop provides direct competition so sales of the Charlton strip are

Mr Williams went through a bit of coaching himself before opening up. Through Solotec, the South East London Training and Enter-prise Council, and Greenwich Enter-

prise Board he learnt about accountancy and sales projections. Ron Stonely, at Greenwich Enterprise Board, advised him to reject an offer of a

partnership that was initially attractive but not in Mr Williams's longterm interests. opened his shop,

Willy's World of Football, last May. His idea was to get established in time for this

eason, However, Euro 96 helped his business to a flying start. The shop now provides employment for his wife, two full-time staff and one part-time.

He says: "Football has become our whole life. It has been a bit of a pain at times, but it has been good to us. If Sam makes it to the top, it will all have been worthwhile."

Focus on digital cameras leads to award



naking digital cameras has won the Surrey Business Award for innovation (Rodney

NBA Quality Systems had one big customer, British Rail. The work involved preparing BR's

inventory prior to privatisation and, when fees began to decline, Nigel Biggs (above), NBA's managing director, saw the business potential of digital cameras. Camera manufacturers all provide basic software to capture images electronically rather than on film but use

personal computers.

At the end of last year Business Link Surrey he could launch the Digital Camera Company.

new pension deadline

By a Correspondent

THOUSANDS of small and medium-sized firms could face fines and legal sanctions for failing to comply with new pensions legislation in time. Johnstone Douglas, the emplayee benefit consultancy, says rules introduced by the new Pensions Act come into effect in April. but the Government has left a very short period for company schemes to meet stringent requirements imposed by the Occupational Pensions Regulatory Authority (Opra), the new watchdog.

Doug Johnstone, Johnstone Douglas managing director, says: From our own experience, we believe that almost 90 per cent of

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have not yet taken advice on the implications of the new legislation and simply do not understand what needs to be done. There is a real danger they are going to fail to comply by default and Opra may then impose significant fines and other legal sanctions.

This legislation really has teeth and we urge every company with a pension scheme to take steps to ensure they are on top of the situation. Under the new legislation, the

Opra watchdog can impose sanctions for a variety of infringements. including failure to make arrangements for pension fund members to

Firms face fines under | Simple guidelines for improving cashflow

SMALL businesses can follow simple steps to improve cashflow. according to Paul Hancock, sales and marketing director at International Factors.

Mr Hancock's tips include: Plan purchases from your sup-pliers to coincide with payments from customers. This means you do not have to use your overdraft. Buy new equipment on finance leasing. This provides medium-term funding and allows new technology

to be introduced within a structured

and realistic payment plan. Try to pace new orders so that the company is not overstretched. Growth should be in harmony with Thance assets over the life of the asset. For example, leasing for plant and machinery.

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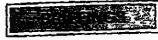
International Pactors is the fac toring arm of Lloyds Bank. Mr Hancock says: "No business can survive without access to cash. If a company is growing fast, lack of funds can mean it cannot meet new orders, buy new equipment or

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Two new agents have been appointed by Linc, the Local Investment Networking Company set up in 1987 as a non-profit business angels organisation to match private investors to companies seeking finance. The new agents, bringing the total to 12, are Cardiff & Vale Enterprise, serving South Wales, and the CBV Enterprise Centre, covering south London, Surrey and Sussex. Details: 0171-236 3000.

Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, will be the main speaker at a conference for family-run and owner-managed businesses at the Park Lane Hotel, central London, on January 31. The conference, called How to Build Success for You and Your Business", is being organised by Clark Whitehill, the London accountancy firm. Cost £199. Details: 0171-134 3711.

CIA mini-guide to insurance, tax, training and other issues has been produced by Home Business Alliance, the support group. It has been accepted for distribution by Britain's 1,100 jobcentres. For details of The Smart Guide to Working from Home, call 01354 658850.

The 1997 Export Award for than 200 employees, with sustained exports growth during the past year — will bring prize money and services worth more than £9,000 to five winners. Closing date: March 14. Entry forms from DTI regional of fices, Business Links, or 01342

[] Some 22 small craft com-panies from Wales are exhibit-ing at Showcase Dublin, Ireland's premier gift trade fair,



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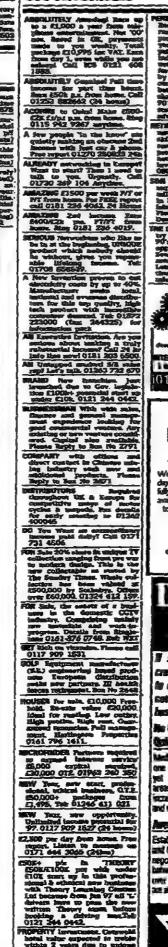
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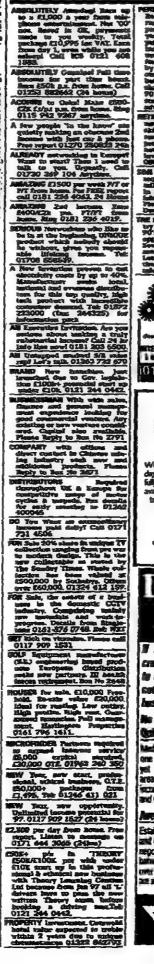
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Buller ([1993] Fam 167)

It should be recognised that
Order 59, rule 10 and section 13(3)
gave the court a discretion which it

was required to exercise. To de

cline to do so because of a technical

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be provided for the future was:

discretion. Guidance which could

As comminal orders involved the

liberty of the subject it was particularly important that the relevant rules were duly complied

Therefore in the future it should

Human rights campaign is political

Before Lord Woolf, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Aldous and Lord Justice Brooke.

[Judgment December 17] To promote the observance of To promote the observance of fundamental human rights by campaigning to change the laws or policies of foreign governments was a political object. Therefore, the Radio Authority was entitled to conclude that Armesty International (British Section) was a body whose objects were mainly of a political nature and that it was prohibited from advertising on the radio by section 92(2)(a)(i) of the Broadcasting Act 1990

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment dismissing an appeal by David Bull and Nigel Wright for and on behalf of Amnesty International (British Section) against the dismissal by the Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Kennedy and Mr Justice McCullough) (The Times July 20, 1995; 11996) QB 169; of their application for indicial review of the decision of the Radio review of the decision of the isadio Authority that radio advertising by Amnesty was unacceptable under section 92(2)(a)(i) of the Broadcast-ing Act 1990 and under rule 8(a) of the Radio Authority Advertising

Section 92(2)(a) provides that a licensed service must not include:

(i) any advertisement which is inserted by or on behalf of any budy whose objects are wholly or mainly of a political nature, (ii) any advertisement which is directed towards any political end....

The practice notes to rule 8(a) of the code drawn up by the authority pursuant to section 93 of the Act ovide: "The term 'political' here is used in a wider sense than 'party

ments to directors of the company

which constituted preferences within section 239 of the insol-vency Act 1986, the date on which

the company made the payments was the date by reference to which

Regina v Radio Anthority, Ex campaigning for the purposes of influencing legislation or executive looking at the objects, the authority action by local or national

> Mr Nigel Plenning, QC, Mr Fener Duffy and Mr Sean Wilken for the applicants; Mr David Parmick, QC and Ms Dinah Rose for the authority.

> THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that the effect of the suthority's decision was to ban further advertising by Amnesty. The ban was imposed because the authority had decided that Amnesty was a body to which section 92(2)(a)(i) of the 1990 Act applied.

The first issue was whether the authority had correctly interprete the provisions of section 92. The had properly applied section 92 to

Section 92/2(a)(f) contained a restriction on advertising by a body whose objects were wholly or mainly of a political nature. "Body" was defined by section 202 as "a body of persons whether incorporated or not and includes a partnership. There was no stan-tory definition of "objects", "wholly or mainly or "political". The proper recaning of each of those words was important in determin-ing the outcome of the appeal.

The definition of "body in reaching a conclusion as to what the section was referring to as being "objects". Where a body had formally set out its objects his Lordship would expect the au-thority to decide, at any rate in the first instance, whether the body's objects fell within the subsection doing no more than examine the statement of its objects.

Where however, there was doubt as to whether the formal statement reflected the true pos-ition or it was not possible to

was quite entitled to examine any able. In doing so the authority had to decide the purpose for which the body existed, recognising that a body might exist for more than one purpose:

Where there was more than one object and some were political and others were not, then it might be essential to go beyond the mere formal statement of the objects in order to decide whether the objects were mainly political.

"Wholly or mainly" was a phrase the meaning of which was not free from ambiguity. Clearly it required a proportion which was more than half. But how much more? Anything between 51 per cent and 99 per cent were

Here it had to be construed as a part of a provision which restricted the ability of Amnesty to promote itself on the media by advertising. That constituted a restriction on freedom of communication. Freedom of communication was orntected alike at common law and by the European Convention on Hu-man Rights 1953 (Cmmd 8969)

.The restriction was a general one in the sense that it applied a thanket ban on any advertising by the body concerned, and applied no matter how desirable a particular advertisement which the body might wish to broadcast was. In view of that, the ambiguous

words "wholly or mainly" should be construed restrictively, in a way the restriction to bodies whose objects were substantially or body to fall within the provision must be at least mixiway between the two percentages identified, that is, more than 75 per cent.

In McGovern v Attorney-General (1982) Ch 321, 340) Mr Justice Slade held that trusts for political purposes included trusts of which a direct and principal purpose was to procure changes in the law or policies of this country or a foreign country. That was the approach the authority submitted that it had applied in determining the status of Amnesty. do its best.

Section 92(3) contained a relsection 423 contained a reference to party political and "political" in section 92(2)(a) was not used in that sense. No better guidance was available as to what was here meant by "political" and his Lordship would therefore accept the authorities submission. reach the right result. 3 From an examination of the different elements of section cept the authority's submission.

Amnesty submitted that there was an important qualification to be made. An object would not be political if what was being pro-moted was the observance of human rights since those were regarded as being fundamental in international law and recognised by article 55 of the United Nations Charter. To promote their observance, even though it involved having to change the law or the policies of governments, was and only interfere with its decision merely to promote the observance of the law.

The problem with that submission was that it made no allowance for the fact that, regrettably, the laws and policies of many countries did not match the standards set by the United Na-tions Charter. To campaign to change those laws and policies so that they did comply with the Charter was political even though it was also commendable.

His Lordship had come to the conclusion it would not be right to allow the appeal and quash the

broad brush approach to its task. Under section 92(1) it was required to do all that it could to secure that the rules specified in subsection (2) were complied with. That rather unusual statutory provision did not create an absolute obligation but instead placed an obligation to

2 The onus was on Amnesty to show that the authority had trans-gressed. If the authority had gone rong, which was not clear, it was not because of want of trying to

92(2)(a)(i) it was apparent that it was difficult to identify with precision the parameters of the para-graph. The language of the provision therefore allowed the authority a reasonable degree of tolerance in its application. 4 Because of its lay nature and the terms of section 92(1) the court should be prepared to allow the

when there was a manifest breach of the principles applied on application for judicial review, Amnesty was entitled to make a fresh application. The position was of time since the decision and it was preferable that the whole issue should be reconsidered in the light of the court's judgments on the up nesty's objects.

Therefore both on the merits and as a matter of discretion his Lordship would dismiss the apneal.

Lord Justice Brooke gave a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Aldous agreed with the

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directors to rebut the statutory

presumption and show why the

company had honoured those

obligations but not others at that

time, but the evidence was silent as

The conclusion that the pay-

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ments were voidable preferences

WAS COMEST

Technical defect caused no prejudice to party

Belore Lord Wooll, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Auld and Lord Justice Ward

Hudgment December 20] The interests of justice did not require a committal order to be set aside on the ground of procedural irregularity where technical deferts in it had not caused prejudice or injustice to the contemnor

The Court of Appeal so stated when allowing in part an appeal by Sidney Nicholls from Judge ing, who at Worcester County Court, had ordered his committa to prison on the application of Angela Nicholfs to commit him for breach of (i) an undertaking given by Mr Nicholls to the court a condition of a suspended custodial sentence imposed on him at an earlier committal application that he would not harass her.

Both the suspended and the Subsequent committal orders were defective, although on the facts Mr Nicholls had not suffered prej-udice. The earlier order had wrongly included as proved an allegation of breach which had not been established and had failed to include a breach which had been to particularise the breach of the suspended order, had been drawn on the prescribed form, county court form N 79, from which the statement that the contempor could apply to purge his contempt had wrongly been deleted, and had included wrongly a breach not relied on in the committal

Mr Nicholas Cole for Mr Nicholis: Mr Robin Rowland for Mrs Nicholis: Mr Hugo Keith as amicus curiae.

application.

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS, giving the judgment of the court, referred to Order 39, rule I of the County Court Rules 1981, which dealt with the enforc of a judgment to do or abstain from doing any act. He said that while its requirements were to be observed, in the absence of authority to the contrary, even though the liberty of the subject was involved. the court would not expect the the sense that any non-compliance meant that the committal was

sisted in the headlines.

infringement under section 30.

That turned on the definition of

Counsel for the defenders had

wolve sending information: that,

submitted that the process of

internet communication did not

if it did, the sending was in the circumstances done not by the

pursuers but by the defenders; and

nical information had been put

In his Lordship's view the pursu-

before his Lordship.

"cable programme" in section 7.

County Court Rules, which corresponded to Order 20, rule 11 of the Rules of the Supreme Court. elerical mistakes in the judgments or orders or errors arising therein due to any accidental slip or

His Lordship also referred to section 15(3) of the Supreme Court Act 1981 and section 13 of the Administration of Justice Act 1960. He said that those provisions were drafted in generous terms and where a defect in the applica-tion for a committal order or the

committal order itself caused no injustice one would expect that powers would enable the Court of Appeal to overcome a purely technical error which had not caused any prejudice.

His Lordship cited the earlier authorities to indicate that they showed no common pattern of approach although the later cases

recognised that Order 59, rule 10(3) of the Rules of the Supreme Court and section [3(3) of the 1960 Act gave a court power to rectify procedural defects both in the procedure leading up the making of the committal order and after it had been made.

Like any other discretion, the discretion provided by the statu-tory provisions had to be exercised in a way which in all the circum stances best reflected the requirements of justice. In determining that, the court

had not only to take into account the interests of the contenuor but also those of the other parties and of upholding the reputation of civil lustice in general. Today it was no longer appro

priate to regard a committel order as being no more that a form of execution available to another party against an alleged contem-nor. The court itself had a substantial interest in seeing that its orders were upheid. If committal orders were to be

set aside on purely technical grounds which had nothing to do with the justice of the case that had the effect of undermining the system of justice and the credibility of court orders. While the procedural require-

with. It remained the respon-sibility of the judge when signing it was properly drawn and adequately particularised the breaches which had been proved and for which sentence had been 2 As long as the contemnor had a

fair trial and the order had been made on valid grounds the exis-tence of a delect in the cummina application or the order served would not result in its being ser aside except in so far as the interests of justice required that to

3 Interests of justice would not require the order to be set aside where there was no prejudice caused as a result of errors in the application or in the order. Where necessary the order could be amended.

4 When considering whether to set have regard to the interests of any other party and the need to uphold the reputation of the justice system. 5 If there had been a procedural irregularity or some other defect in the conduct of the proceedings which had occasioned injustice the court would consider exercis ing its power to order a new trial indicating that it would not be jus to do so.

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Preferential payments to directors of company

Division when dismissing an appeal by two directors of Corfe In re Corfe Joinery Ltd (in Liquidation) Before Mr Justice Lloyd Judgment January 15 Where a company about to go into insolvent liquidation made pay-

> that they were voldable directors: Mr Jason Evans-Tovey

the court was to consider whether, within section 239(5), in making those payments in preference to settling debts towed to other creditors the company was influenced by a desire to put the recipients of those payments in a better position than they would otherwise have been in if the company went into could be made.

Mr Justice Lloyd so held in the ment of directors' loans, which put Companies Court of the Chancery-them in a better position than if Mr Justice Lloyd so held in the

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loinery Ltd. in voluntary liquidation, against an order of Deputy District Judge Rogers in Camof the debt. bridge County Court on August 9, 1996 for the repayment of sums paid to the directors on the ground

Miss Claire Staddon for the

MR JUSTICE LLOYD said that the directors challenged the district judge's finding that payments made to them in the last days before the company ceased trading which an order under section 239

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they had remained unpaid when the company went into liquidation. As unsecured creditors they would have received less than 100 per cent

By section 239(5) an order could not be made unless the company was influenced in deciding to give the preference by a desire to produce in respect of the person preferred the proscribed preferen-tial effect. Because directors were within section 239(6) such a desire was presumed unless the contrary

It was argued for the directors that the date when it had to be shown whether or not the company was influenced by the desire to prefer those receiving payments was not the date when the relevant cheques were drawn but the date a year earlier when the directors

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sereed not to call in their loans until January 1995,

His Lordship rejected that date, when all that happened was that at most the loans became repayable in January 1995. A lot of debts were repayable at that time but were not

There was an obligation to pay the directors' debts in January 1995, but it was necessary for the board to review at that time ether to honour that obligation. it was by reference to when the cheques were signed by the authorised signatories that the statutory provisions were to be applied.

The evidence established that when the company decided to pay back the directors' loans it must have been aware of the possibility of insolvency in the near future.

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Copyright breach in internet headline

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Ljudgment October 24 The inclusion of the headlines of one newspaper in the internet website of another newspaper was. copyright belonging the original

Lord Hamilton, sitting in the Outer House of the Court of lession, so held, granting interim interdict in an action of declarator of infringement of copyright and land Times Ltd against Dr Jona-

than Wills and another. Miss Louise Milligan for the pursuers: Mr Roderick John Mac-Lead for the defenders.

LORD HAMILTON said that pursuers owned and published a newspaper which carried local. national and international news. The second defender provided a news reporting service, and the first defender was its managing

The pursuers had recently established an internet website by which means they made available on the internet items which ap-peared in the printed editions of their newspaper.

They had expended resources in establishing that website. It was their expectation that once that information service became known to and used by internet users, they would be able to sell advertising space on the front page of their website.

The defenders also operated a website. The front page was headed "The Shetland News". A number of advertisements appeared on that page, and beneath those were a number of news headlines, including a number of headlines appearing in recent is-sues of *The Shetland Times* as reproduced on the pursuers' website. Those headlines were verbatim reproductions of the pursuers headlines.

A caller gaining access to the defendants' website might, by defendants' website might, by clicking on one of those headlines appearing on the defenders' front page, gain access to the text as published and reproduced by the

Such access was gained without the caller requiring at any stage to gain access to the pursuers' front page. Thus access to the pursuers items could be obtained by by passing the pursuers' from page and accordingly missing any advertising material which might The case had come before his

Lordship on the pursuers' motion for interim interdict. The grounds of action were twofold. The pursuers maintained that

the headlines made available on their website were cable programmes within section 7 of the Copyright Design and Patents Act 1988, that the facility made available by them on their website was a cable programme service within the meaning of section 7 and that the inclusion of those items in that service constituted an infringement of section 20 of the Act.

The pursuers also maintained that the headlines were literary works owned by them and that the defenders' activities constituted infringement by copying under section 17 of the Act, the copying being in the form of storing the works by electronic means.

For the pursuers, it had been argued that on each ground, there was a prima facic case and that the

ers' contention that the service provided by them involved the interim interdict. For the defenders it had not been disputed that sending of information was, prima copyright subsisted in the text of

(acie, well founded. items appearing in the printed edition of The Shetland Times and Although, in a sense, the information passively awaited acin texts appearing therefrom on the pursuers' website. It had been cess being had to it by catters, that did not at least prima facie. nformation, on such access being The principal argument before taken, was conveyed to and rehis Lordship related to the alleged

ceived by the caller. If that were so, the process might arguably be said to involve the sending of that information. The fact that the information was provided to the caller by his gaining access to it through the defenders website did not result in the defenders being the persons sending the information.

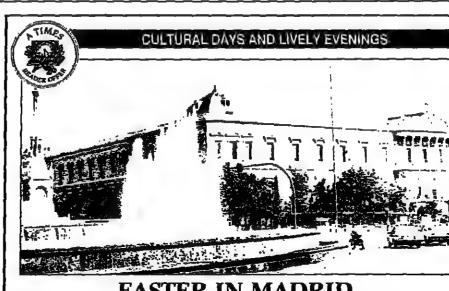
As to the argument founded on that, in any event, the service was an interactive one exempted by section 7(2(a). No detailed techsection 7(2)(a), it had been con-tended that because it was possible for the caller to contact the pursuers by the internet and because encouraged, the cable service was

exception. It had also been submit ted that information by way of comment and suggestion could be sent to the defenders' website.

In his Lordship's view, it was plainly arguable that the exception did not apply. While the facility to the internet existed, that did not appear to he an essential elemen of the service, the primary function of which was to distribute news and other items. In any event, it was arguable that that facility was a severable part of the pursuers

cable programme service.
On the information available at the hearing, and on the arguments presented the pursuers had, in his Lordship's opinion, a prima facie case that the incorporation by the defenders in their website of headlines provided at the pursuers' website constituted an infringement of section 20 of the Act. Law agents: Brodies, WS: Dun-

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94th equal. Five names dominate above all. Hunt has eight teams on display below. Bob Calder has six, Mike Jones four and the Gohil brothers, who came so close to winning the competition last year, have seven between them. Indeed, out of the leading 30 selectors, those five names feature 18 times. Clearly the task of running teams simultaneously - and successfully -- is not an impos-

Hunt has retained the lead that he recovered last week. and holds an 11-point advantage over his nearest rivals. This week's winner, however, is to be found loitering at 4,617th place. Mr D. Coleman. of Enfield, scored 43 points with his Club 97 team, relying principally on contributions from Steve Grayson, the Leicester City defender, who picked up eight points, and Dennis Bergkamp, the Arsenal forward, who gained six

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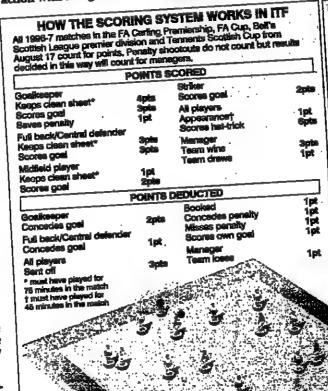
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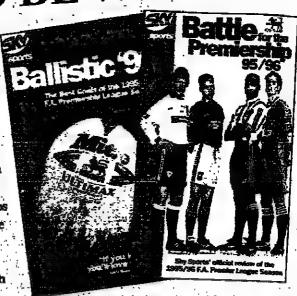


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NEWS

Police Bill defeat for Government

The Government suffered a defeat in the House of Lords last night when Labour and Liberal Democrats united to overturn a key part of the Police Bill and ensured that the police must seek the authorisation of a judge, known as a commissioner. before entering and bugging homes, except in emergencies.

The House voted by 209 votes to 145, a majority of 64, for a Labour amendment; it was one of the heaviest defeats for the Government since 1979.....Pages I, II

Children 'turned away from hospitals'

More than 400 critically ill children have been turned away from intensive care units in the past three months because of shortages of beds and nurses, according to a survey to be published today by Labour. The Great Ormond Street hospital in London has refused 83 cases since October Page 1

Tax battle

Gordon Brown and Kenneth Clarke were locked in battle after the Shadow Chancellor unexpectedly promised that Labour would not increase the basic or top rate of income tax ... Pages 1. 10. 19. 31

GPs run out of cash

Patients awaiting routine hospital operations may have to wait longer for treatment because many fundholding family doctors have run out of money to pay for ..Page 2

Over and out

The broadcaster Chris Evans ended his Radio I career with a whimper after failing to turn up to present his breakfast show. The BBC released him from his £1.4 million contract Page 3

War grave pilgrimage Daisy Norris, a widow aged 79, has achieved a lifetime ambition to visit her husband's war grave in Libya. 54 years after he was killed at Tobruk.... Page 4

Fashanu allegation

John Fashanu, the former Wimbledon and Aston Villa striker, earned up to £800,000 for fixing Premiership tootball matches, a court was told

Over the limit

A woman who was almost 64 times over the drink-driving limit - the highest figure for a woman -- after a vodka binge was banned from driving Page 6

Ceasefire at risk

The loyalist ceasefire appeared to be collapsing after terrorists tried to murder a Roman Catholic couple and their five-month-old daughter in a car bomb attack in Larne. Co Antrim Page 8

Peer turns to Labour Scotland's premier peer, the Duke of Hamilton and Brandon. has thrown his weight behind the Labour Party. He is deeply disillusioned by the Conservatives' stewardship of the NHS.. Page 9

Britain rebuffed Germany and France brushed off Britain's conditions for a multispeed Europe, underlining the gulf between London and the big EU powers in the drive to revamp the Maastricht treaty..... Page 12

Golan hint The Israeli Prime Minister modified his stance over the future of the occupied Golan Heights as part of a drive to reopen the peace talks with Syria Page 13

Clinton crowned

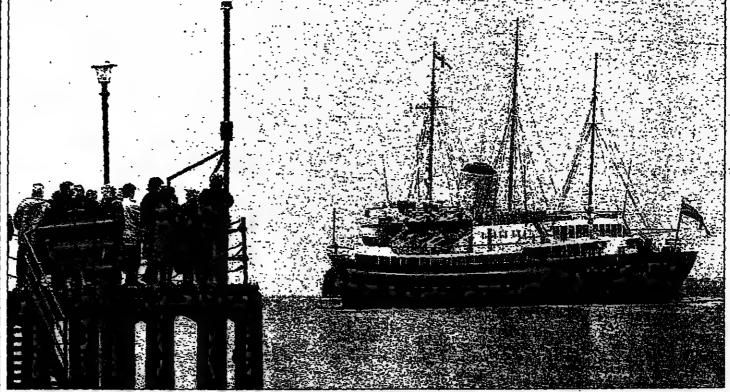
Amid the tightest security that Washington has seen for a swearing in ceremony, Bill Clinton intoned the 35 words of the presidential oath Pages 14, 19

Back to earth

Steve Fossett, the American hotair balloonist, floated down to the north Indian plains after abandoning his attempt to circumnavigate the world.....

River mud gives up a treasure

A Roman sandstone sculpture of a lioness devouring the head of a screaming man, one of the linest and most important finds of recent years, was lifted from the mud banks of the River Almond near Edinburgh, where it has lain for almost two thousand years. It had been spotted by the local ferryman as he descended the ferry steps...



The Royal Yacht Britannia sailing out of Portsmouth for the Far East on her last major voyage before decommissioning

BUSINESS

Eurotemosi: The Channel Tunnel operator has been forced to seek an extension to the standstill on interest payments because of delays in resuming its services after the November fire.... Page 27

Stamp freeze: The Post Office froze postal rates for 15 months and is contemplating a cut. Charges last

Tesco: Better than expected sales in the run-up to Christmas strengthened the company's claim to be Britain's top supermarketsPage 27 Markets: The FT-SE 100 fell 13.7

points to close at 4194.0. Sterling's trade-weighted index rose from 96.6 to 96.8 after a fall from \$1.6683 to \$1.6630 and but a rise from DM2.6890 to DM2.7004 - Page 30

Rugby union: England have made four changes for the Calcutta Cup match against Scotland. Mike Catt and Chris Sheasby are dropped; Richard Hill, the Saracens flanker, is the one new cap......Page 52

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Football: Talks have taken place between the Football League and the FA Premier League about reducing the number of clubs relegated from the Premiership ... Page \$2 Cricket: England defeated Northern Districts by ten wickets with more than four sessions to spare,

New Zealand .. Racing: Tony McCoy, the champion National Hunt jockey, is to ride freelance for the rest of the season after severing his links with the Paul Nicholls stable...... Page 49

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Crowd pleasars: Gary Hume shows the changes in his style over the past four years and Flona Rae demonstrates vibrant virtuosity at the Saatchi Gallery...... Page 35 Polish gloss: John Allison takes stock of the work of Witold Lutoslawski, Poland's greatest

postwar composer.......Page 35 Straues in space: Thirty years after the film 2001 turned a generation on to both Johann and Richard Strauss. Clive Davis untangles the tale of Stanley Kubrick's battle over

THE SECTION OF THE SE Ring out the old: Even before Evita was released in Britain, the style was pronounced dead in America.

look survive? Shopping shock: The years of recession that created a seemingly permanent rift between sex and shopping are over. But Jane Gordon still won't be tempted to go drastic with the plastic Page 16

asks, will the Givenchy nose ring

Sex. at 50: Divorce unsexes you . . . never in my adult life had I been so long without a sexual encounter; nor ever in my life had I felt so thrillingly sensual. Marianne Wig-

Legel projudice: "Lawyers have never been popular and I suspect they never will be." Robert Owen, the new Bar chairman, talks to Frances Gibb ___Page 37

Not PC: Some Caribbean governments seem to see the Privy Council as an interference by whites in their judicial systemsPage 41

If there is to be a new beginning today, President Clinton needs to begin rebuilding public trust in government. If there is a mandate from the November election, it is that the voters want the people's business to get done openly and fairly, without deadlock or partisan rancour - The Los Angeles Times:

TYLISTINGS

Preview: President Lyndon Johnson taped his telephone calls: now we can hear them. Secret History 3 (Channel 4, 9pm). Review: Lynne Truss on lies, tears and aggro in the building trade.....

OPINION

Tax and spend

Whether Labour's resolve on tax would hold can only be tested in government. But success would be even less likely if Gordon Brown had not said what he said yesterday

Promised land

The quest for consensus and compromise rather than dramatic innovation or change was the predominant theme of President Clinton's inaugural Page 19

We interrupt this call You ingenious Swedes may not have completely solved the probtem of getting access to a telephone.

The office manager still does not like personal calls being made from work...

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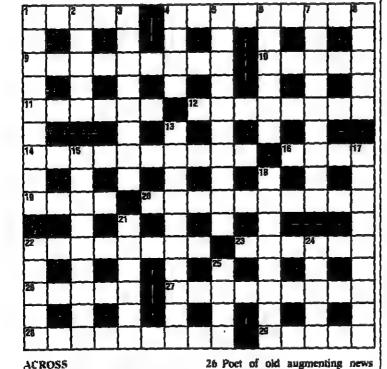
Our canal network carries great weights in near-silence, linking the backyards of cities with the open countryside and enhancing both. It is a miracle and a thing of pure functional beautyPage 19 PETER RIDDELL

Gordon Brown seeks to make the next Labour Government different from its predecessors in its spending and tax performance. Whether he succeeds will depend on his colleagues accepting these constraints. That would really be proof that Labour is a "new" party. It is still an act of faithPage 10

Crown Prince Asia-Wossen of Ethiopia, son of Emperor Haile Selassic, Martin Redmond, Labour MP for Don Yalley; Patricia McLaughlin, Ulster Unionist MP for West-Belfast Page 21

Britain's entry into EEC: pig tissue transplants; church and politics; nut allergy; tigers.....

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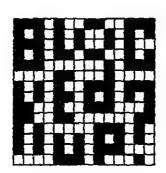
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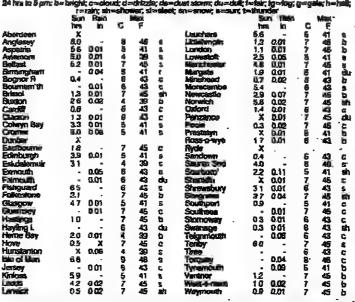
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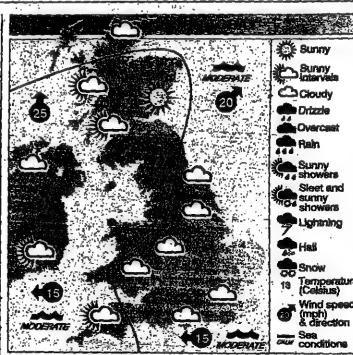
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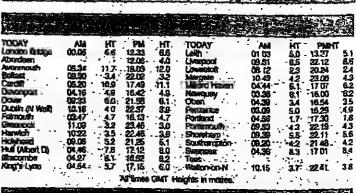
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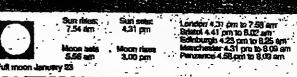
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Eurotunnel seeks delay on interest

By Jonathan Prynn, transport correspondent

EUROTUNNEL has had to April to late June. Without agseek a nine-month extension to the interest standstill it forced on banks because of delays in resuming its services after the fire in the Chan-nel Tunnel in November.

Patrick Ponsolle, the execu-tive co-chairman of Euro-tunnel, said he was "100 per cent confident" that the 225 banks in the syndicate would agree to Eurotunnel's demand that it should not start repaying interest on its £9 billion debt until December.

At a press conference in Kent, M Ponsolle said shareholders and lenders to the company should not be asked to vote on the company's financiai rescue package until all its services have restarted. Its HGV freight shuttle service is not expected to resume until March at the earliest, forcing the postponement of an extraordinary meeting of shareholders to approve the deal from

THE Prudential, Britain's

biggest insurer, has agreed

to compensate some of the

victims of personal pension

mis-selling at an estimated

In a remarkable volto-face

the Prodential has reached

an agreement with the

GMB union in return for an

end to litigation in the

courts. The union has insti-

gated legal action against a

number of companies, in-

ciuding Legal & General

and TSB, over the mis-

selling of personal pensions. In the past it has claimed that the Prudential was the

worst offender for advising union members to opt out of

occupational and public-sec-

tor pension schemes and

Under the terms of yester-

day's deal the Prudential will:

pay redress in 13 cases where

writs have been issued and

agree "a timely resolution" of

the remaining 30 cases in-volving GMB members. The

average compensation to GMB members will be be-

tween £25,000 and £30,000

each while the Prudential

will pay a significant contribution to the union's costs, estimated to be £10,000 each.

The insurer faces its own

expenses for every tase which could be at least

John Edmonds, GMB

general secretary, who ac-

cused Legal & General and

TSB of being "unhelpful" in trying to find a speedy

resolution to members' claims, said: Too many

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into private plans.

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faces bankrupicy.
Robert Malpas, the British co-chairman, said the group was also negotiating with the UK and French Governments for an extension of its Channel Tunnel operating licence from 60 years to 99 years. He said that without agreement from the two governments they would be left with an "almighty mess to clear up because the restructuring package would probably not

be approved.

M Ponsolle said the extension of the concession was a "crucial element" for securing the approval: from sharehold ers and lenders and was in the public interest.

Executives described 1997 as "a year of transition" for Eurotunnel after its initial success in building revenues. The company easily topped its

are dragging their heels. Many people are still left worned and unsure of their

funds in retirement. I hope

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The Prudential, which yes-

terday released new business

figures showing single contribution sales, including personal equity plan sales, up 71 per cent to £3.6 billion, and regular contribution sales up 8 per cent to £303 million, is keen to put the past behind it. Under the leadership of Sir Peter Davis the settlement with the GME.

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in Pep sales to £3.9 million.

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Prudential to

compensate

pension victims

BY ROBERT MILLER AND MARIANNE CURPHEY

forecast for a 50 per cent inc-rease in revenue last year despite the break in services. It turned over \$450 million, a 62 per cent rise on 1995, the first full year of operation. Execut-ives are also pleased with the pace at which business has grown since the fire. Eurotunnel is running at about 50 per cent of its pre-fire level of shuttle departures, and Eurostar has restored about 90 per cent of its normal service.

In December, Le Shuttle carried 82,026 cars, about half the level of the same period in 1995, but Eurostar comfortably exceeded its 1995 figures, reporting traffic of 257,010 passengers in December.

M Ponsolle is "cautiously optimistic" about prospects for 1998 and hopes the company will be back on its pre-fire targets for growth by the end of this year. He said Eurotunnel should by 2000 be "one of the most profitable, efficient, customer-aware transport companies in Europe."

Work on repairing the dam-aged half-mile section of the tunnel began yesterday after the completion of preparatory and degrance work. The main contractor for the renairs is Freysinnet, the French company, while the redesign work has been carried out by Setec

and Mott MacDonald. The 46-metre worst-affected section has been enclosed in an airtight seal to prevent dust being circulated through the tunnel by the winds generated

by passing trains.

The request for an extension to the concession has found little favour in government. Ministers regard the extra 39 years of revenue as an effective subsidy to Eurotunnel which has already been granted one previous extension to the concession. However, the Department of Transport is likely to accede reluctantly to the re-quest because the alternative is the politically embarrassing financial failure of Eurotumnel. The extension will also be bitterly opposed by the main cross-Channel ferry operators P&O and Stena Sealink which would consider challenging the granting of the extension in the courts. The two ferry companies, which are due to merge their cross Channel fleets this year, are engaged in an unprecedentedly bitter price war despite the planned merger, with passengers in



Lord MacLaurin of Welwyn says the group's price campaign has borne fruit

Strong sales help Tesco tighten grip on title

TESCO strengthened its claim on the title of Britain's top supermarkets group yester-day, and appeared to stretch its lead over arch-rival J Sainsbury, when it revealed stronger than expected sales in the run-up to Christmas.

In the 21 weeks to January 5, sales at stores open through-out the period grew 8.1 per cent and total sales, including new stores, grew 13.1 per cent. In the final five weeks, covering Christmas and new year, like-for-like sales grew 7.5 per cent and total sales grew 12.2

The statement sent Tesco's shares 2p higher to 369p, but sliced 52p off the J Sainsbury share price, which closed at pre-tax profits at Tesco to £760 391p. Sainsbury's is due to million-£765 million. report on its Christmas trad-Tesco put its success down to ing on Friday. City followers are expecting its sales growth its Unbeatable Value price campaign, the continued dev-

elopment of its product range and the popularity of its to be nearer the sector average, believed to be around 4 per cent. They are also predict-Clubcard loyalty scheme. It ing that Sainsbury's may said £56 million worth of vouchers and money-off cou-pons were issued in November. launch some more aggressive marketing campaigns to try to win back customers who have drifted away.

"If Tesco's sales are so much above the average, they must be taking market share and Sainsbury's is the most likely candidate among the big groups," one analyst said. Several analysts upgraded their forecasts for full-year

5.25%

Lord MacLaurin of Welwyn, chairman, said: "Our sales

have continued to outperform the industry average in what remains a highly competitive climate . . . We look forward to reporting another good set of results in April."

Governor presses case for interest rate rise

By JANET BUSH ECONOMICS LIDTTOR

EDDIE GEORGE, Governor of the Bank of England, last night issued an emphatic call for higher base rates. He told an audience of bankers in Edinburgh: "The choice, ulti-mately, in this situation is not whether or not: it is sooner or

later, less or more." The Governor's call for "a modest pre-emptive tightening of monetary policy came ess than a week after his monetary meeting with Kenneth Clarke, at which the Chancellor decided to leave

interest rates unchanged. Mr Clarke cited the strength of sterling as the key reason why he had not raised rates, but last night Mr George took issue with the Chancellor's argument that the pound's strength is very deflationary. He said that, while the pound's rise is a serious issue, it does not directly affect the build up of domestic demand pressure, and it is this which needs to be tackled.

The Governor said that demand may be strengthening and that money supply growth at around 9 or 10 per cent and consumer spending growth of nearly 4 per cent a year is not consistent in the medium term with the Government's inflation targe

Mr George recalled the 1980s, when domestic demand was allowed to expand unchecked for some time, forcing the authorities, in the end, to bring it to a jarring halt. He said that the current policy dilemma is nowhere near of the same order as the one faced in the 1980s, but he added: "That experience does illustrate that, in the final analysis, there could be real danger in allowing justified concern about the exchange rate to deflect us for too long from moving gradually to moderate the upswing."

Although the Governor was at pains to stress the words "gradually" and "moderate". it is clear that the Bank wanted a rate rise last week and will argue even more strongly for one at the next meeting on February 5.

Yesterday the pound hit DM2.70 for the first time since September 16, 1992, the day it was ejected from the European exchange-rate mech-

The mark slumped after Hans Tietmeyer, President of the Bundesbank, said that Germany's recovery was not yet self-sustaining, suggesting that lower German interest

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MG seeks to allay client fears

BY ROBERT MILLER

AS Nicola Horlick consulted lawyers about her case against Morgan Grenfell, some clients expressed concern about the stability of the company and the team she left behind.

Morgan Grenfell is meeting pension fund clients to reas-sure them that Mrs Horlick's departure will not have an adverse effect on the manage-

ment of their money.

But a survey by Global Money Management magazine raises concerns that, since the Peter Young unit trust affair, Morgan Grenfell has not won any significant fund management business although neither had it lost any. Morgan Grenfell still topped the 1996 table, with \$1.7 billion worth of new

David Tucker, treasury adviser for the London borough of Lewisham, which has £300 million under the manage-ment of Morgan Grenfell, said: "We have been concerned all the way since the Peter Young affair and this doesn't allay our fears at ali." He added that the council would consider its pension management arrangements at a meeting on March 4.

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Post Office freezes prices for 15 months

By PHILIP BASSETT INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

some cases even being paid to

travel on the ferries.

THE Post Office yesterday announced a 15-month price freeze - and made it clear it would like to cut prices if government financial demands allowed. It said that basic postal prices, which were last increased in July, would remain frozen until "at least" April next year - 22 months of unchanged prices in all. Post Office leaders said they would

try at that point to maintain a their EFL figure in the Budget. Instead continuing price freeze if the Govern-ment's calls for cash under the Post Office's external financing limit (EFL) allowed for it.

Postal prices rose ip last year to 26p for first-class letters and 20p for second-class. While few industry ob-servers expected any price rise this year, Post Office leaders insisted yesterday that they would have considered a further increase if Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, had pushed up

of a further EFL increase in line with the previous year's £120 million rise, the EFL was kept broadly stable, with

an increase of only £13 million.

But Post Office leaders said yester-day that, had the EFL rise been on a scale of previous increases, postal prices might well have had to rise a further lp this year.

John Roberts, Post Office chief executive, said: "We would very much like to be in a position where we could

theory Post Office prices are recommendations from the Post Office to its statutory users' council, which the Government then approves or rejects, in practice ministers set stamp prices.

The Post Office said it had enjoyed a record Christmas, with two billion items of mail posted, a 10 per cent increase. The Post Office also revealed that it is aiming to cut £100 million from its management costs, which will mean job losses among

Euro call

The Commission on Public Policy and British Business, a policy group of senior leaders, is urging Britain to join the European single currency, to abandon its outout from the European social chapter and to introduce a minimum wage. Page 31, Page 18

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Pressure on Scott **Pickford**

Scott Pickford, the geological consultancy faced further pressure from both its potential suitors yesterday. Aerodata, the Australian

bidder, has issued a writ demanding that Pickford implements an agreed share swap assuring it of a 16 per cent stake.

Core Laboratories, the US geophysical consultancy. lifted its bid to 57p per share on the condition that the share swap did not go Pickford until January 27 to accept the offer, valuing the company at £7.2 milyesterday to close at 56 2 p.

Drug deal

SkyePharma, the drugs company, has agreed a deal potentially worth more than \$10 million a year with Abbott Laboratories, the US healthcare company under which Abbott would use the SkyePharma's Geomatrix drug release technology for zileuton, its asthma drug.

Rosebys rises

Rosebys, the household textiles and soft furnishings group, yesterday re-ported a satisfactory Christmas. Total group sales in the second half were up 18.5 per cent.

US merger

Banc One, the American bank, is to acquire First USA, a credit card issuer. for about \$7.3 hillion, creating the country's third largest credit card



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George Burnett, managing director, left, and Peter Lewis plan to spend £77m despite the adverse sector conditions

Lloyd's plans to implement tougher regulatory regime

LLOYD'S of London has unveiled a tough new regulatory regime which will lead to speedier investigations and threatens tighter scrutiny of Lloyd's brokers. New rules to protect names

and corporate members are planned under the offensive. which will see a marked expansion of disciplinary and en-forcement teams. The drive is underpinned by the appointment of a new head of regulatory proceedings. Noel Lawson, who was director of supervision at the London

Commodity Exchange. Regulation of Lloyd's is due

ment after the general election, possibly as part of a wider review of City regulation. Lloyd's is anxious to bring regulation in line with City watchdogs and has commissioned a top-level group. led by Sir Alan Hardcastle, chairman of the Lloyd's Regulatory Board, to review exist-

ing arrangements. Sir Alan said: "The function of regulation must be to ensure honesty and competence in the operation of the businesses in the market. We must ensure that Lloyd's keeps abreast of developments in regulation elsewhere in the City." John Greenway MP.

surance and financial services group, welcomed the initiative. He said: "Now the future of Lloyd's has been settled, the important next stage is to reexamine the regulation of the market."

Goals for 1997 include faster conduct of investigations, stricter surveillance of the Lloyd's capacity auction process, and the introduction of new rules for the further protection of capital providers. Monitoring of individual transactions will be intro-

Up to 6,000 individual Lloyd's brokers could be obliged to seek registration. A

look at the need for trust accounts for client money and will consider whether conduct of husiness rules are desirable on matters such as best

Equitas, the company that has taken on the 1992 and prior liabilities of Lloyd's, is moving to new headquarters close to the Lloyd's building. The move to Exchequer Court in St Mary Axe will be completed by July.

☐ Unionamerica, a owned insurance group, has acquired a controlling stake in Jago Capital, the dedicated corporate capital

Ashtead to create more than 1,600 jobs

BY FRASER NELSON

MORE than 1,600 jobs are to be created by Ashtead, the plant equipment hire com-pany, which yesterday said it plans to double its pres-ence in Britain by the millernium.

Peter Lewis, chairman, said the company will spend £77 million, taking its num-ber of sites from 146 to 300 over the next three years in spite of suffering from a continuing downturn in the

He added that he did not expect the pressure on rental prices to ease in the near future but still planned to open new plants at a cost of £500,000 each. Approximately 11 new jobs will be created at each site.

American operations led the profits growth in the six months to October 31, jumping from 16 per cent to 37 per cent of overall operating profit. This helped overall pre-tax profits climb to £14.4 million (£8,7 million), leaving earnings of 7.63p (6.47p) per share. An interim dividend of 0.72p (0.62p) is due

on April 7. The company spent £14 million on developing new markets in the six months to October 31, which led to new contracts with car assembly plants and orders from new ly-privatised rail companies. Mr Lewis said that the bulk of this spending was now complete, and that sales from the programme were expected in the second half of the year.

confirmed an offer had been made. Leeds City Council confirmed discussions were

If Caspian is to pay £25 mil-

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Ushers plans £130m market flotation

USHERS of Trowbridge, the regional brewer, is making a second attempt to join the stock market in a float expected to value the company at up to £130 million. Roger North, chief executive, said the company was floating to reduce the level of borrowing, which stands at about 565 million, and to provide for further expansion. Ushers attempted to float in December 1994, incurring costs of £838,000, but this was pulled because of market worries over its estate and the future of a contract brewing agreement with Courage.

The company claims significant progress since then and in particular has weathered the part-loss of the Courage contract by winning new deals to produce Miller Genuine draft and Steinlager, as well as a number of supermarket own brand ales. Profits, excluding tax, for the year to October 31 increased 5 per cent to £11 million on an increased turnover of £65 million, a rise of 7 per cent. It has 542 public houses, which are mostly tenanted.

Kingsbury shares dive

SHARES of Kingsbury Group fell 27 per cent yesterday after the furniture retailer said full-year profits would fall "well below current market expectations". Simon Bee, chief executive, said profits for the year to December 21 would be "usefully ahead" of the previous year, although they would fall short of current expectations. Shares initially fell to 2022p from 2992p, recovering slightly to 2172p for a net loss of 82p. The company said that it intends to increase the final dividend 25 per cent to not less than 2.5p a share.

Thameslink shortlist

THE four shortlisted bidders for the Thameslink rail franchise are Great London Railways, Virgin Rail, GB Railways and GOVIA. Great London Railways is a joint bid between Cowie Group and Tharneslink's existing management, while GOVIA is backed by Go-Ahead Group and Via-GTI, the French transport group. The franchise is regarded as the most lucrative of the eight which have yet to be awarded. The Office of Passenger Rail and Franchising said it will name the winner by the end of the week.

Mitie raises interim

MITTE GROUP, the business support services company, is lifting the interim dividend 25 per cent to 0.9p a share after achieving a 27.7 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £3.25 million in the six months to September 30. Earnings rose 23.1 per cent to 3.2p. David Telling, chairman, said: The tide of outsourcing and of business sentiment are running in our favour, so I am confident we will continue to produce good results over the coming months and that our margins and the quality of our earnings will continue to improve.

Admiral's Venables deal

HAY & ROBERTSON, owner of the Admiral sportswear brand, has followed its deal with Ruud Gullit, the Chelsea manager, with an agreement to market a leisurewear range in the name of Terry Venables, the former England football coach. The six-and-a-half year deal also makes Admiral the kit supplier to Portsmouth, the first division team of which Mr Venables is director of football despite also managing the Australian national side.

Saltire profit warning

SALTIRE, the holding company formerly known as Cannon Street investments, yesterday gave warning that second-half profits would be adversely affected by the strength of the pound and by sluggish demand for its electronic components and products in continental Europe. Tom Long, chairman, said Saltire's Altai and Dunnet subsidiaries would both report lower earnings despite a rise in sales and operating profits in local currencies. Saltire shares fell 14p to 772 p.

Australian deal for BAe

BRITISH Aerospace has won a A\$10 million labout E5 million) contract to provide the Australian Defence Force with its first short-range aircraft detection system. The contract, under which British Aerospace will supply five radar alerting and cueing systems for the Australian Army's RBS 70 land to air guided missiles, comes just two months after British Aerospace was awarded a A\$1 billion contract to supply Hawk trainer jets to the Australian Air Force.

Winter cheer for EWM

COLD WINTER weather has been good news for Edinburgh Woollen Mills, the knitwear retailer, EWM's new owners, Grampian Holdings, the mini-conglomerate, said that in the 48 weeks to the end of December, EWM's like-for-like sales were up 12 per cent. That pace of growth was maintained in the five weeks to January 3. Grampian's pharmaceutical division saw sales in the 12 months to the end of December up 10 per cent. Grampian is changing its year end to end January.

Strike meetings at Ford

By OLIVER AUGUST

FORD car workers have begun a series of meetings which could result in strike action across Britain. Union negotiators and shop stewards at Halewood, Merseyside, were consulting their members yesterday on how to save the 1,300

jobs which Ford plans to cut. Employees at Ford plants in Dagenham, Essex, Southampton. Belfast. Swansea and meet to discuss support measures. Unions officials will

meet MPs tomorrow to raily support before a crucial meeting with Ford executives on Thursday. Ford has raised the prospect

of building a new vehicle at Halewood when production of the Escort ends, but unions are sceptical and fear that the plant faces a total shutdown.

Roger Butler, executive councillor at the Amalgamat-Union, said large-scale strike activity was a distinct possibility. Tony Woodley, national secretary of the Transport and General Workers Union. called on Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister and a former minister responsible for Merseyside, to do more to help the Halewood

He said: "He should be doing more to stop the disgraceful importing of cars and because of happen

Elland Road offer made

By JASON NISSE

CASPIAN GROUP, which bought Leeds United football club for £16.5 million in the summer, has offered E5 million for the Premiership club's

ground, Elland Road. However, Leeds City Council, the ground's owner, says that any sale would need to be ratified by an independent valuation, and the expectation is that this would price Elland

part of its proposal to build a

E30 million indoor arena on land adjacent to Elland Road. It faces competition from three consortia, including one from GMI, the company run by Peter Gilman, the former Leeds United director, who

tried to block Caspian's bid. Road from Leeds United in 1985 for £2.5 million and the club occupies it under licence. Caspian made the offer as assistant to Robin Launders, Leeds United's chief executive,

lion for Elland Road, this would bring the total cost of its plans for the Leeds Arena and the stadium to nearly £60 mil-The council bought Elland tion, or half its current market value. Previously, Chris Akers. Caspian's chairman, has depied the company would need to ask shareholders for money for this development.

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charges made

THE Australian Securities Commission has charged a senior executive at Macquarie Bank with alleged insider dealing offences in connection with KPN's A\$2 billion (El billion) takeover of TNT (Ra-Simon Hannes, an executive in the bank's corporate adv-

isory division, is alleged to have invested A\$90,000 in options at a call price of A\$2 two weeks before KPN's A\$245 bid for TNT was announced,

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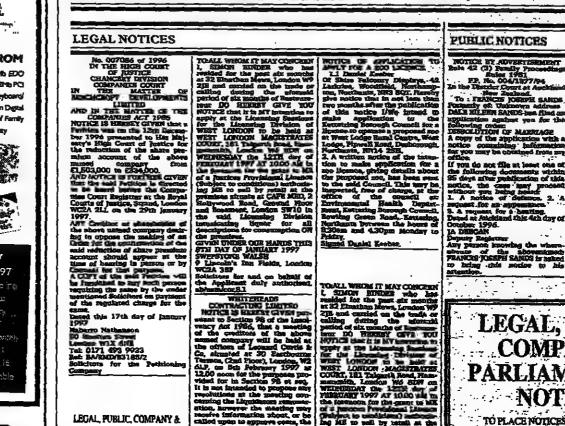
chel Bridge writes).

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☐ Obscurity beckons again for Mrs Horlick ☐ Codes honoured more in the breach ☐ Think-tank ponders privatisation

INICOLA HORLICK can be thanked for adding a little gaiety to what would otherwise have been a drab January. As media circuses go, her departure rates only about four on the Richter scale, way behind Mandy Allwood, say, or various tire-

some minor royals at play. There are no weighty moral issues at stake here, and Mrs Horlick can expect to disappear back into obscurity in due course. When the inevitable news quizzes for 1997 appear in the newspapers in 11 months time, how many ordinary readers will remember her name?

As occasional media circuses featuring the City go, however. Horlick is a lulu, up there with December 1988's Death of a Yuppie, when Morgan Grenfell pulled out of share trading and shocked brokers wept publicly in

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It is up there with Barings, which was helped by it being the Queen's bank going bust. It is far more fun than Guinness or Blue Arrow or even Peter Young. which were all about men in suits doing incomprehensible things with numbers and never

really excited the front pages.
In creating her media stir, Mrs
Horlick started with promising
ingredients and capitalised on them by hiring one of the best financial public relations advisers around, who did her proud.

Superwoman comes down to earth

She should now be advised that by next weekend the non-finantial pages will have lost interest, so quit while you are ahead and for whatever you can.

Morgan Grenfell has handled the affair appallingly. It appears both tight-fisted and ham-fisted. How much was learnt from the Peter Young disaster? Most cli-ents will probably stay loyal after this one, too, but three strikes and you're out.

The most important question is the damage done to the City's reputation by such public displays of temper tantrums and mempetence. How has this one really played in Frankfurt - and on Wall Street, where the Americans must once again be baffled by the Brits' obsession with each other's salaries?

Here are some more questions the participants might care to answer. For Morgan Grenfell, would it not have been easier to have settled quietly with Mrs Horlick and paid her a sevenfigure sum including a fair chunk for keeping quiet rather

than publicly suspending her? For Mrs Horlick, would it not have been better, if all you wanted was your old job back, to have waited for that in-house tribunal on Friday, which might have supported you, rather than flouncing out like a prima doma and deliberately starting the media feeding frenzy? You can hardly expect to walk back into Finsbury Circus again. And how far advanced were you in finding another job? Was ABN Amro the only firm that approached you.

or were there others? And to you, reader. Would you ever have heard of Nicola Hortick had she been a balding. middle-aged man? And how superhuman is it to raise five children on £1 million a year?

Airtours wings remain unclipped

☐ ONE should not be too surprised to discover that most companies attachment to codes of corporate governance such as Greenbury and Cadbury is at best cosmetic. This is clear from a new submission to the Hampel Committee, which is drawing up yet another one, by PIRC, the pensions consultant. One man

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less inclined than most to welcome outside interference is David Crossland at Airtours. Mr Crossland is sometimes depicted as some sort of travel trade amorak with nothing better to do with his spare time than trawl round his competitors' shops.

This may have to do with his mild-mannered appearance, but he is in fact the autocratic driving force behind the growth of Airtours into the country's secand biggest travel operator, and he is not going to give up control to a gaggle of politically-correct busyhodies now.

Airtours is on collision course with institutional shareholders because these have been whipped into some semblance of action by PIRC, which also

makes a habit of patrolling the badlands of the corporate governance debate and bringing in some of the harder cases for

questioning.
Mr Crossland stands accused of having three out of five of his non-executives rather closer to the company than is the ideal. Verdict guilty.

He is also accused of delib-

erately ramming through a potentially lucrative long-term incentive plan without seeking approval from shareholders shortly before such approval would have been mandatory. Verdict: guilty, probably.

Airtours blames it all on bad timing; the company admits it was aware of the forthcoming Stock Exchange requirement. Precious little good the fuss will do. One big institution, Schroders, with 12 per cent, has decided to back away from the final sanction, the rejection of the accounts at Thursday's annual meeting. Quiet pressure behind the scenes will be met with a polite reference to the upwards spiral in Airtours's share price.

The market expects Airtours to be taken out sooner or later by Carnival Corporation of the US. its 295 per cent shareholder. That will decide just how much

The benefits of political hindsight

THEY have been busy at the Institute for Public Policy Research. Not content with birthing the Commission for Public Policy and British Business, they say that utilities privatisation does not bring any intrinsic benefit. Efficiency comes instead from

regulation and competition.
Just when we all thought there was barely a dividend cheque's width between Mr Blair's thinking on state ownership and the Government's, his favourite think-tank sees no obvious link between privatisation, as being practised anywhere else on the globe barring the people's para-dises of Cuba and North Korea. and lower prices to consumers.

Instead, selling off the public unlities has led to bills varying widely between different water regions and big business doing better than the general public

from the phones, gas and power. Curious, the ideological tangles as old Labour, of whom this is the authentic voice, transmutes into the new coinage. If the above is true, then the better service and lower prices since privatisation could have been achieved under state ownership. Except that they were not, over a period of 40 years or more.

Except that it is inconceivable that a state bureaucracy could have halved the size of British Telecom's workforce over a de-cade, or cut that of the two fossil fuel generators by a third.

One might reasonably argue about the social cost of throwing so many hundreds of thousands on to the dole in return for a few bob off phone bills - except that Labour, sorry its main ideas factory, does not. The implication is that under a Labour government, the pruning would have been just as ruthless. Except that it wasn't.

Imprudent advice

THERE is only one lesson to be learnt from the Prudential's belated surrender to a trade union over pensions mis-selling, after the Pru had consistently denied giving customers bad advice, and it has nothing to do with financial services. The lesson is, if you are in a hole, don't try to lie your way out of it.

US price competition damages Thorn hopes

FIERCE price competition in the US and an unsuccessful attempt to introduce furniture into the Radio Rentals chain in the UK yesterday forced Thorn to give warning that its profits will fail to meet City

A disappointing third-quar-ter trading statement from the rental business caused a further collapse in its shares, which fell 425 p to 209p. They have virtually halved in value since August, when the com-pany was demerged from the music industry interests of the old Thorn EMI.

Thorn said the poor Christmas trading on both sides of the Atlantic will hit its finalquarter results. With the leave full-year pre-tax profits "broadly unchanged" at about

£170 million. Mike Metcalf, Thorn's chief executive, said Radio Rentals was hit by an attempt to introduce furniture to the chain's enisting offering of televisions, video recorders and domestic appliances. He said: "We put a lot of effort behind the furniture range but we got very little for it. Our efforts would have been much better applied to pushing out existing product range."

Radio Rentals suffered another problem with personal computers, where an attempt to sell more higher specification . machinés : was unsuccessful:

The result was a "disap-

like-for-like installations of equipment during the third quarter. By comparison, in the first half of the year, Radio Rentals' installations were ris-

ing by more than 20 per cent. By December 31, Radio Rentais' revenue base had fallen 2 per cent below the level a year earlier. The benefit of new installations was outweighed by cancelled agreements and the loss of revenue from maturing Option-2-Own contracts. In the US, where Thorn

owns Rent-a-Center, "performance in December fell well short of expectations. Mr Metcalf said fierce competition had cut the cost of smalltelevisions and video recorders to \$100, making it difficult translation effect of the strong The result was a "disap-pound, Thorn said this will pointing" 2 per cent rise in pete. For the nine months in

the US, like-for-like turnover fell 5 per cent.

Mr Metcalf said Thorn was "very pleased" with the "excel-lent" results from Crazy George's, a rental chain of 54 stores that offers consumer electronics, domestic appliances and furniture to families whose annual income is less than £10,000 a year. He would not comment on the performance of the French store, which was briefly closed after complaints about its promotional material.

Unaudited pre-tax profits for the nine months reached £123 million, an 8 per cent rise on last year's pro forma total. Sales were 5 per cent higher at El.2 billion.

plans to **buy Colofon**

REED ELSEVIER, the publishing company, said yes-terday that it is close to buying Colofon, a Dutch professional and business publisher, for about £45 mil-lion (Alasdair Murray

writes).
Colofon, which employs
250 people, had a turnover
of 70 million guilders (£23
million) for the year to the end of June.

Reed said it would be integrated into Elsevier ness information and that the acquisition is expected to be earnings enhancing in the first year.

Colofon said that the sale was being made because of the potential benefits from being part of a larger group. The management board will join Elsevier Business information.

Shares of Reed international rose 4p to £10.215.

Reed Elsevier Budgens strategy brings 18% jump

stores."

By Sarah Cunningham

BUDGENS, the supermarkets group, yesterday provided further evidence that its abandonment of hard-discounting has paid off by reporting an 18 per cent jump in interim profits.

In the 28 weeks to November 10, pre-tax profits were E5.04 million, compared with £4.28 million a year ago.

Sales from same stores were 4.5 per cent ahead in the half, but dipped around Christmas. John von Spreckelsen, chief executive, said that he was not surprised by the dip because customers tended to migrate to superstores before Christmas. He said that in early January, like-for-like sales growth had rebounded to more than 4.5 per cent.

Earnings per share were up 10.6 per cent to 2.3p, while the interim dividend, payable on 0.4p a share. Budgens, which two years ago switched its emphasis from low prices to fresh produce and good service, plans to open ten more stores in 1997. An undisclosed number of petral forecourt stores will be opened under an agree-

ment with Mobil and BP. Despite tough competition in the high street from the likes of Tesco Metro, Mr von Spreckelsen said that Budgens stores occupied a secure niche: "We are complementary to discounters and to super-

He said: "in the last 18 months we have made great strides in improving product quality, availability and value. We are now focused on upgrading the store environment by adopting a new store design concept and on improving service levels by investing in a

Telekom dividend message

THE lacklustre performance of Deutsche Telekom shares has forced the German phone group to make an unscheduled trading statement to calm investors' fears (Oliver August writes).

The company said sales rose 6 per cent to DM63 billion and carnings were above expectations last year. A dividend of 60 pfennigs a share will be paid after official results are announced on May 13. Ron Sommer, chairman, said: "Deutsche Telekom will exceed previous esti-

mates for the full year." The performance of the shares has failed to match the enthusiasm that preceded the flotation in November. Offered at DM28.50, the shares rose to DM34 but have failen to DM30. Tempus, page 30

Majestic toasts sparkling festive sales performance

STRONG sales of champagne and a Chilean wine promotion helped Majestic Wine to enjoy a sparkling Christmas, with a 12.7 per cent rise in like-forlike sales for the last five weeks of 1996.

Tim How, chief executive, said Chilean wine at £2.99 a bottle was one of Majestic's biggest sellers over Christmas. Majestic, which will open its latest warehouse store, its 62nd, in Manchester next month, was reporting its first results since it joined the Alternative Investment Market in November. Excluding an exceptional writedown of property values, first-half pre-tax profits rose to £465,000, from £114,000 a year earlier. In its prospectus, Majestic forecast a

profit of at least £450.000. Total sales were 27.7 per cent ahead at £21.9 million. As previously reported, like-for-like sales rose 14.3 per cent.

Mr How said Majestic was delighted with the growth in sales and profits. Our Christmas sales were particularly encouraging," he said.

Sales in the quarter to.
December 30 increased 22.4
per cent, with like-for-like sales up 10.8 per cent.

Majestic has recently opened stores in Cheimsford, Esser Chapel Allerton, Leeds; Epsom, Surrey; and Mayfair. It is seeking more sites. The £547,000 exceptional writedown related to stores bought in the 1980s. There is no interim payout, but a final is



Victrex shares fall after warning

VICTREX, the specialist plastics manufacturer, lost £21 million from its market value yesterday after issuing a profits warning a week after giving a bullish trading statement at its annual meeting.

The company, which last Monday told shareholders that trading was going strong-ly, said its internal forecasting unit had since discovered that its exposure to currency changes was much higher

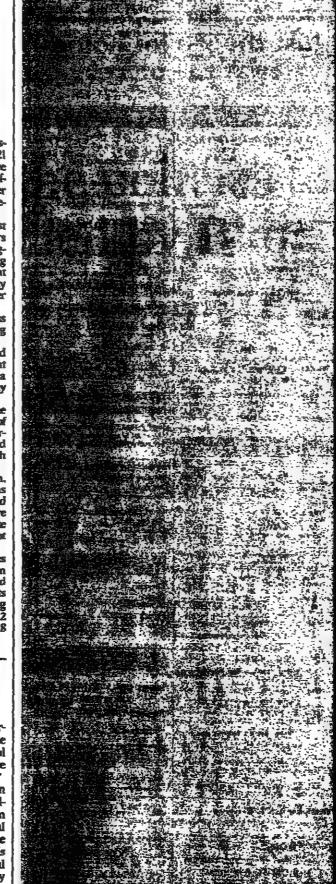
than estimated. It also said that business was showing signs of slowing down this month.

Victrex shares, which joined the market 13 months ago at 238p, plunged from 266p to a new low of 1672p yesterday before settling at 1732 p.

The discovery came three days after the departure of Howard Butterworth, its former finance director, who had retired because of ill-health after three years of service.

Peter Rowley, chairman, said that Mr Butterworth was not under suspicion. He added that external auditors were being called in to investigate how the situation had not come to light earlier.

As the company generates 97 per cent of its sales from overseas, analysts estimated the impact on year-end profits would be £3.7 million, taking the 1997 forecast down to £12.2 million. Victrex made £12.8



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* EVEN your private phone calls may no longer be beyond the reach of advertisers. A Swedish company is offering free calls to customers who are happy to endure commercials during phone conversations.

The scheme is being tested in the Swedish villages of Lund and Norrkopping, Britons with relatives in either would have had their Christmas calls interrupted every three minutes by ten-second messages for chocolate bars, films and local radio stations.

Gransteleion, the Swedish operator. has long-term plans to bring the scheine

services manager for the Telecom Users Association, said: "I do not think this scheme would go down too well at all in this country. We get enough ads on the television without being bombarded by them on the telephone.

Even if a user does agree to the service, what about the person on the other end of the line. It is bound to drive them crazy. Can you imagine being constantly inter-rupted mid-conversation by ads for

washing powder and margarine? BT also expressed doubts: A spokesman said: "I cannot see it catching on here. It is certainly not something we are

considering at the moment." The Advertising Standards Authority said: "The messages have to be honest and truthful to be allowed in Britain. We will be monitoring the situation very carefully."

To make free calls to any number in Sweden, callers dial Gratistelelon's tollfree number and then that of the person they want to contact. A commercial follows while the caller waits to be connected. Then the conversation is punctuated by a ten-second commercial break after the first minute and every three minutes after that.

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MICHAEL CLARK

Pause for breath as the profit-takers move in

SHARE prices dipped below the 4,200 level as traders braced themselves for a period of consolidation in the wake of the market's recent recordbreaking run.

An early bout of profittaking saw prices lose ground and hopes of a late rally were scuppered by an opening fall for the Dow Jones industrial average after the weekend break. The FT-SE 100 index. down 23 points at one stage. eventually reduced the deficit to close 13.7 points lower at 4.194.0. A total of 756 million shares changed hands, way below the billion-plus levels seen last week.

Among leading shares Guinness put on 612p at 4381 ap as NatWest Securities. the broker, urged clients to "add" to their holdings. This comes hard on the heels of last week's decision by LVMH. Guinness's biggest shareholder, to reduce its holding. NatWest believes that the recent underperformance by the shares has ended.

The profits warning from Thorn, recently demerged, sent the shares tumbling 4212p to a low of 209p. Profits for the full year are unlikely to be changed on last year's figure of £170.7 million. The group will unveil further details of the problems with nine-months trading news next month. It is known Thorn has been hit hard by currency fluctuations and rising costs associated with the Crazy George start-ups. Nick Bubb. retail analyst at MeesPierson, says the group has taken a big knock in the fourth quarter with operating profits down

by 15 per cent. HSBC James Capel has joined the growing band of brokers singing the praises of Rolls-Royce by telling clients that the shares are undervalued. Rolls-Royce put on a further 6p to 23912p in the wake of comments on Friday from ABN Amro Hoare Govett and Henderson Crosthwaite. Hoare also maintains the shares are undervalued and Henderson has set a target price of 270p. Rolls-Royce has seen a pick-up in demand for its engines on the

Airbus and Boeing aircraft. ket, climbing 18p to 751p. Brokers say there was a sentation by the company n London last week arranged by Kleinwort Benson, the broker. The company Was



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John von Spreckelsen of Budgens, whose shares fell lp

another

described as unbeat. But the banks showed signs of boiling over after their recent strong

Standard Chartered fell 9p to 743p on the back of some "take profits" advice from Cazenove, the broker. Others to lose ground in-

Sainsbury.
Somerfield rose 312p to 174p ahead of half-year results today, the first since the group cluded Abbey National, 13p to 766p. HSBC, 17¹2p to £14.52¹2, Lloyds TSB, 12¹2p to was floated in July. NatWest Securities, the broker, forecasts pre-tax profits of £54

If FKI eventually wins control of Newman Tonks, unchanged at 153p, it could focus attention on Frederick Cooper, lp firmer at 39½p. Newman Tonks has held 5 per cent of rival Cooper for some time. City speculators say FKI is likely to eventually use that stake as the springboard for a full bid for Cooper.

Scotland. 14p to 57112p. Tesco responded to the better than expected trading update with a rise of 2^{t} ap at 369p. The 12 per cent rise in like-for-like sales for the five weeks to January 5 could spell further trouble for J Sainsbury. Tesco's biggest rival, down 512p at 391p. Sainsburys is due to unveil its own trading update on Friday. Brokers are

45612p, and Royal Bank of scotland. 14p to 57112p.

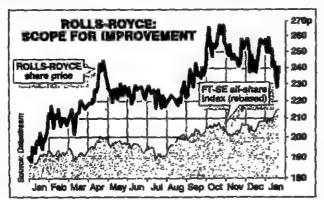
Tesco responded to the better John von Spreckelsen, reported a rise in profits at the halfway stage from £4.3 mil-lion to £5 million. But the price slipped Ip to 4534p after losing out to the bigger supermarket chains in the run-up to Christmas

suggesting that Tesco has begun widening the gap in market share between itself

and Sainsbury. Many forecast

setback

Scott Pickford firmed 2p to 56'2p, almost matching the increased terms of 57p a share



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tories. The new terms value Scott Pickford at 17.2 million. US-based Core said it had increased the terms after Scott Pickford decided not to pursue a share exchange with Aerodata.

City investors were baying for blood after Victres, the chemicals specialist, issued a profits warning just seven days after issuing an encouraging trading update at the annual meeting. Victrex has blamed the pound's recent strength and a slowdown in business during January, for what looks like being a 25 per cent fall in profits. Kleinwort Benson, the broker, has slashed its estimate from £15.9 million to £12.2 million. The shares finished 9212p down at 17312p.

A profits warning left Kingsbury licking its wounds with the price tumbling 92p to 20712p. The retailer says that profits and earnings will fall well short of City expectations but will still be ahead of the £4.06 million -achieved last

time round. Saltire also dropped 14p to 7712p after announcing that second-half profits would be hit by the strong pound. However, a drop in demand at its Altai plant in Europe has also caused problems.

There was selective demand for some of the high-tech stocks. CMG jumped 70p to £10.45 on aggressive buying in a thin market. Biocompatibles international continued to be singled out for new year recommendations, with the price leaping a further 35p to a

peak of 935p.

GILT-EDGED: A late bout of profit-taking took the shine off a promising start and left the bond market nursing losses for the first time in nine days. Prices were marked high at the ourset and reached their peak around midday.

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Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was a tick off at £10312. marked lower initially on the Dow Jones industrial average, which was 16.55 points down by midday. At the same time, an earnings-driven rally in Microsoft put the Nasdaq ahead by ten points.

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Sitting uncomfortably

Unless you take a perversely close interest in the retailing press, the chances are that Radio Rentals will not feature anywhere on your-list

nor on anyone else's. This, unsurprisingly, is the lesson Thorn has learnt from its decision to sell furniture at Radio Rentals. Quite apart from the marketing failure, the move looks ill-judged on other grounds; most Radio Rentals are too small to display furniture to advantage.

The furniture blunder is the most striking mishap to tumble out of yesterday's miserable trading statement. In the US, Rent-a-Center had a dreadful December as the price of small televisions and budget video recorders dropped beneath \$100 - making it uneconomic for rental businesses to compete. The difficulties raise questions about the level of

WHERE might you go shopping for a sofa? risk inherent in Thorn's businesses. When it was demerged from glamorous EMI last year, Thorn was dubbed the homely sibling. Unfortunately for shareholders, it has been anything but dull. Thorn's shares now stand at almost half September's debut price.

Thorn has made money from Rent-a-Center, selling domestic appliances and furniture to financially challenged Americans. For all the initial success of Crazy George's - which rents goods by the week to families with an annual income of less than £10,000 - attempts to replicate the strategy in the UK look far from risk-free. An economic downturn could play havoc with such a business. Thorn shares may look cheap at eight times prospective earnings and a chunky yield. Alternatively, they may fairly reflect a less than skilful management.

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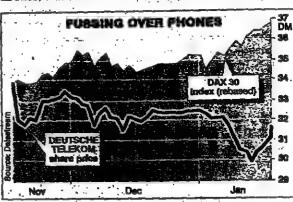
DRIFTING Deutsche Telekom has provided ammunition for those who reckoned the phone company's public offering was priced too high. Would German private investors be put off future state asset sales if DT shares failed to perform?

The argument seems spurious as DT has outperformed the German Dax index since the November sell-off. At DM3L6 the stock has gained almost if per cent from the DM28.5 issue price, while the Dax has risen 8 per cent. Add to that the phone company's higher than average yield and the German shareholder should have littie to complain about his investment. The high initial remium has been trimmed back, in part because of the

lack of information but also telecom shares. France: relecom and Spain's Telefonica together add up to some £5 billion, with Italian and Hungarian offerings to

If indigestion was really a concern, the price of Telefonica would already be affected, which has not been

the case. DT's drifting price bacause of fears of a flood of . has more to do with arguments about valuation, with the bears pointing to high debt-adjusted multiples. while the bulls point to strong net cashflow. After yesterday's figures, the bull case looks stronger. A coropany that can repay DM27 billion of debt in two years is in fine fettle.



Prudential

IT IS a stock market axiom that when the public become excited by shares, values are reaching their peak and it is time to sell. News of a built market is slow to percolate through the population, but retailers of financial products are beginning to see signs of public fascination. Not all find managers are adopting defensive strategies but many are feeling nervous; not least because of the

boiling pot on Wall Street. Retail money is pouring into personal equity plans. Two life companies - Prudential and London & Mansparkling new business figures. A buoyant market and predictions in some quarters (though by no means all) that the FT-SE 100 will rise a further 10 per cent this year have helped as have fears that Labour will withdraw

tax breaks from personal In the absence of a market

collapse, the boom should continue; the first three months of the year is open season for Pen sellers, who can use the threat of the end. of the tax year to get more investors. A surge of popular interest in shares coincides with a better housing market. The latter is forecast to rise by more than 10 per bent next year, should rising prices generate more volume, insur-

ers will benefit from beste endowment sales. There must be a worry that asset price inflation will provoke a monetary aquery after the election. Unless, of course, the market bubble bursts in the next few

TESCO and J Saigsbur have become the ym and yang of food retailers — when

one rises, the other must full. This was certainly the case vesterday, when an excellent trading statement from Tesco boosted its own shares 25p.

and knocked 5'20 off Sainsbury's. Average like for like sales growth in the past six months among food retailers is believed to be about 4 per cent. So, the argument goes, Tesco's 81 per cent growth means it is gaining market

Since Asda and Safeway are thought to be increasing sales at an above average rate, someone must be losing out. Sainsbury's will set the record straight on Friday.

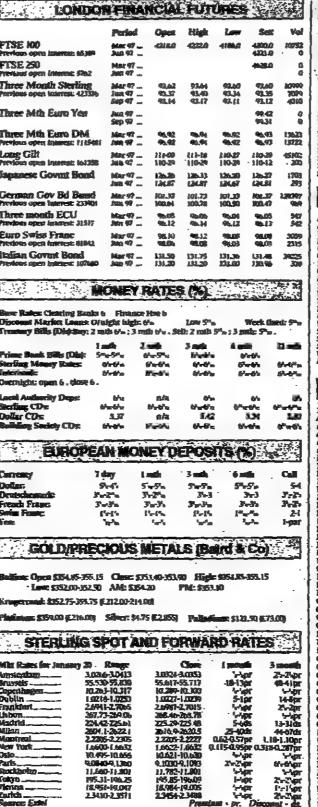
when it issues its Christmas trading statement. Others may also be suffering, there are many smaller independent chains fighting a losing battle with the superstores.

be encroaching on other high street territory as they in crease their non-food sales. brilliant Christmas and it may wonder whether the likes of Tesco and Asda, not jast more obvious rivals, are to blame.

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Caught on camera

AS THE Horlick story shows little sign of growing a skin, and even less of warming up, the conspira-cy theorists are having a field day. The latest tithus include Morgan Grenfell having mine months of taped telephone recordings to back up its allegations against its former star manager. Then there's the one about Morgan Grenfell hiring a private detective to track Mrs Horlick's movements. Our bank insider insists that neither is true, adding wearily: "If we wanted to know where Nicola Horlick was, we only had to switch on the television or ask a journalist."

All change

Agriculture parties of the second

START your stopwatches: another newcomer has arrived at the Institute of Directors. First to bow out was Brian Salter as head of communications, leaving Liz Liewellyn to work alongside Ruth Lea, the loD's head of policy. After nine years, Liewellyn left. Sam Parkhouse came in. and departed just five weeks later, last Priday. Step forward Julie-Stretton, a former Press Association reporter.

TORY supporter Lord MacLaurin appears a little overzealous in his political path. The chairman of Tesco was quoted (he says misquoted) in yesterday's Evening Standard insisting that he will vote Conservative in the next election. But, as Lord. King points out in the same piece, members of the House of Lords are barred from voting. As are loonies and crooks.



"Let's order more champagne"

Distrust

Markey States

STREETWISE Michael Hart outwitted pickpockets while holidaying in Argentina. The chairman of Foreign & Colonial was wandering the streets of Buenos Aires with his wife Sheila when a gang of three stole up to them from behind and ran off with the contents of Hart's back pocket. Fortunately for Hart, he was very aware of the tactics of the Argentinian underworld, and all that was stolen was a map of the capital. Even better, it was the couple's last day before they headed off to the Antarctic. "I was quite surprised at how audacious they were," Hart

Conversion woe

SINCE he arrived to work in the Halifax press office, nothing but work on the Halifax conversion. Despite this selfless devotion to the building society's eight million savers and borrowers. Sonne is himself ruled out from receiving any windfall; he joined the Halifax after the first qualifying date. Poor love - it shows how unfair our distribution is. says a spokeswoman. "We'll have a whip-round on conversion day, and buy him a cup of coffee."

THE tiny museum in Ohio dedicated to Thomas Alva Edison, the father of the electric light bulb who was horn 150 years ago, was so strapped for funds that it had to ask local officials for help in paying the electricity bills.

MORAG PRESTON

Pensions guardians must show greater vigilance

Robert Miller looks at the

> upcomingtough new

regime for fund trustees

Dension fund trustees view the glare of publicity surrounding the high profile antics of the Horlick affair at Morgan Grenfell with much distaste. Nevertheless, the whole business serves as a timely reminder about the role that

pension fund trustees play in safeguarding some £600 biltion of assets invested on behalf of millions of employees in 200,000 registered occupational schemes. . Trustees face onerous re-

sponsibilities under new rules laid down by the Pensions Act 1995 and that really begin to bite on April 6. From that date, trustees who preside over a fund where something goes wrong and where they failed to spot what was happening could face imprisonment in a worst-case scenario.

Under the present regime, trustees are bound by special legislation, but after April there will be very specific guidelines about how money held in pension funds should be monitored and managed. And top of the list will be picking the appropriate fund manager.

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One of the more lurid fates that doomsayers have visited on Morgan Greniell is that its pension fund clients will desert in droves and in a very short time. That is wide of the mark and may indeed never happen. Barings saw some of its pension fund clients leave after the Nick Leeson affair, but this was not done in the immediate aftermath, or as a response to the crash, but rather over a prolonged period as its previous good performance began to wane in metalia sectors.

The potentially draconian penalties for somnolent trustees, some of whom will be elected by fellow scheme members, are designed to reassure those who belong to company pension schemes that their money is being well looked after and that another Robert Maxwell will not happen. No amount of legislation in the world, however, can prevent another disaster, but it can at least place a far greater cirus ch trustees to be vigilant.

Bill Birmingham, manager of benefit services at the National Association of Pension Funds (NAPF), says: There will be a statutory obligation in future for trustees to specifi- drome in favour of solid, and



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Nicola Horlick

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in the high-profile antics at any particular house they ed its pension fund clients with over the past five years. have appointed as manager they will be far more con-However, in three months' time, when the first-quarter post-Horlick performance re-

perned to check that the assets are secure and that they are being properly

6 Fund trustees face onerous responsibilities under rules laid down by the Pensions Act 9

even more important, consis-

tent returns. And that is what

Morgan Grenfell has provid-

sults can be assessed, trustees sets on behalf of seven million will then consider whether to members and four million stick with it or look for

Most contracts between managers and trustees can be severed within three months. but before then the trustees will have to build a sufficiently

the custodians will have to justify their decision at the time and the due diligence steps they took to John Hayes. the chairman of the new statutory Occupational Pengions Regulatory Authority (Opra).

strong case to switch. In the

event of a disaster happening

Mr Birmingham of the NAPF, headed by Ann Robinson and whose members look after £400 billion of as-

pensioners, says that under the new rules trustees will not only have to assess the past, present and future performance of any likely fund managers they wish to employ, but also set out the

explains: "Having set out a statement of investment prin-ciples they will then have to explain the profile of their

Such information will include details on the age of scheme members, how many are pensioners, how many are close to retirement and, therefore, what sort of split a portfolio should have to meet these commitments.

If, for example, a particular scheme has a large constituency of members close to or in retirement, then the selection of any new fund manager will have to consider that gilts and bonds might be better suited as investments to meet the pension payments than equi-ties and that will influence the final appointment.

Trustees will also have to tell managers what sort of percentages they want invested in geographical markets, such as North America, the Far East, Europe and the UK and, what exposure they want to sectors such as property.

Trustees looking to switch

managers will also have to study the various investment techniques used. For example, some money managers favour the "top-down" approach, pick the country or sector and then filter down until you come to the right company, others prefer "bottom-up" by picking the company or stock first regardless of sector or region. Some managers build sophisticated computer programs and let them do the portfolio building.

Until now pension fund trustees have tended to stick to the big investment houses in the City such as Schroders, Mercury Asset Management, Kleinwort Benson and Gartmore. But as trustees have more and more say in who should be appointed and how the money should be managed small boutioue operations, already widely used in America, could begin to flourish.

One such is run by Crispin Odey. He left Barings and in 1992 set up Odey Asset Management, which manages nearly \$400 million, including some UK pension fund money. Mr Odey says: "Fund managers are designers not manufacturers. We all have different styles and some houses have two different approaches under one roof, so the chances are that when one is on the wane the other will be ready to shine." Morgan Grenfell may have

been put on notice that every move it makes is under scrutiny by anxious pension fund trustees. But for the next three to six months the managers will have the chance to show their mettle and that regardless of the often lurid headlines it is still a fine manager of



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Rich breathe sigh of relief

o now we know: a Labour government will not cost even the rich any more in personal Brown's long-awaited tax announcement leaves plenty of questions unanswered and in the coming days the Tory political machine will be doing its utmost to maximise public doubts about what Labour's promises may or may not really mean. But let us take Mr Brown at face value. He has promised

that the top rate of tax will remain at 40p throughout the next parliament, that the standard rate will not be increased above the present 23p and that VAT will not be extended to cover such exempted items as food, books and children's clothes.

Apart from the ill-fated shadow Budget presented by John Smith in 1992, Mr Brown's speech offers probably the longest and most detailed list of explicit promises ever presented to British voters before an election. The Labour position on taxes is now as clear as that of the Tories. But that is not saying very much. Even if we assumed that

all manifesto promises

would be strictly adhered to, no British voter could have much idea about how much he or she would pay after the election — and this would apply regardless of which party won. This is because the tax rates which attract such political and media attention are not the most crucial element of the tax system. For most people, the structure of allowances and reliefs and the levels of income at which taxes are levied are more important than the "headline" rates of tax. By varying the allowances, it is perfectly possible for a government to raise taxes of amatically while appearing to cut the standard rate. This was the stunt pulled by Kenneth Clarke and Norman Lamont in 1993 and 1994. Given the tightness of the Tory public spending plans and the pressure from financial markets to continue narrowing the government deficit. Mr Brown is almost certain to

try the same sleight of hand. Should we, then, simply ignore the promises made both by Mr Clarke and Mr Brown? The answer is "not quite". Although it is impostax we will pay next year, never mind at the end of the next parliament in 2002, the promises made yesterday do foreclose certain options.

The main possibility that is now pretty well excluded is a large increase in the tax-take from the very rich. Ironically, one of the very few groups of taxpayers almost immune to tax increases by the backdoor are the 200,000 people with incomes above £100,000. These people are not significantly affected by changes in allowances and reliefs, since they get comparatively little benefit from them. Even the complete abolition of child benefits, personal allow-ances and mortgage tax relief would add less than 5 per cent to the tax bill of somebody earning £150,000. An increase in the top rate of tax from 40p to 50p, by contrast, would increase this person's tax burden by almost 25 per cent.

Apart from a higher top rate, the only other way for Labour to squeeze the very rich would be to lift the ceiling on national insurance contributions - as John Smith notoriously proposed in 1992. This measure would be very similar to a (Op increase in the top rate. Significantly, Mr Brown did not rule it out yesterday. In practice, however, any increase in national insurance would be a calamitous own goal for Labour. This is because the national insurance system cannot be targeted on the very rich in the same way as the income tax system. If national insurance were used to squeeze more money out of the very rich it would also hit the people whose fickle political sensitivities most worry Labour: the skilled workers and middle managers on £30,000 to £40,000.

ne way or another, these middle-class voters will probably end up paying all sorts of disgulsed extra taxes, whichever party is in power. But ironically their extreme sensitivity to headline tax rates will help to protect the very rich. So if you earn more than £100,000 a year you can breathe a sigh of relief. Labour will keep its hands out of your pockets at least until the parliament

Blueprint spells out the policies to guide a government led by Blair

📕 Interest rates are low, and investment is up, fuelled by a more favourable tax treatment for business. Unemployment is about 4 per cent, and long-term joblessness eliminated by special measures. Crime has fallen. Small company numbers are rising. and their failure rate falling.

The single market in Europe, and improved competition policy at home, has shortened the UK's long tail of underperforming firms. Management focus is more long-term, and takeovers are fewer. Britain's workforce is better trained, and the UK's productivity is

Faritasy? Not according to recommendations today on the future of British business, from a collection of hard-headed business leaders assembled by the Institute for Public Policy Research, the centre-left think-tank with close connections to Tony Blair, Leader of the Labour Party.

"We believe that all these outcomes are achievable," the IPPR's Commission on Public Policy and British Business says, "as the vigour and enterprise of the private sector interact with the intelligent commitment of public policy."

How they can be achieved will be the subject of a fierce political clash today at the launch of the commission's report in London. Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, has forced his way into the report's launch conference, and his speech immediately after one from Mr Blair is expected to support the study's emphasis on competitiveness - but attack some of its key conclusions, especially on politically sensitive issues like the minimum wage, the social chapter and the single currency, all of which the

report supports. Today's report is a blueprint for business - and for Labour - although commission leaders will emphasise today the political neutrality that they have worked to achieve. The Times has

Philip Bassett highlights the proposals put forward by leading business figures

report says, but its principal findings

☐ The single currency. Business leaders on the commission argue that Europe's single market is vital for British business, and that Britain needs to maintain its place in Europe to keep arguing for liberalisation and free trade. While they accept that it remains unclear whether these key objectives can be achieved without Britain enter-

ing EMU, they say that "it seems doubtful that they can be achieved if EMU becomes an inclusive system with the great majority of EU states as members but with the UK remaining outside". The commission acknowledges that it has no unanimity about the economic advanages, and urges the Gavernment - of whatever political

hue - to remove uncertainty on it as soon as is possible. The commission is also worried about the "entirely undernocratic" structures for the setting of monetary policy

which EMU entails. The social chapter. While the commission says that "most employers are hostile to the social chapter", which they believe will lead to Europe's high non-wage labour costs being imported to the UK, business leaders on the commission conclude that the social chapter's current provisions, which the Conservative Government has vocifer-

already detailed most of what the and judge that the social chapter will not ultimately impose continental costs on the UK. Concluding that "the benefits of the single market far outweigh any current or probable costs of the social chapter", the commission says "If opting in is the only way to preserve the single market and Britain's influence in its construction, we would advocate signing up".

\[\sum A \text{ minimum wage. The commission} \] supports the continued extension of in-

means of breaking the poverty trap and attacking long-term unemployment — a position wholly in line with business bodies such as the CBI. But the commission says the policy has an "inherent danger" - employers using the availability of such benefits in effect to top up their own wages. To prevent this form of state subsidy, the commission supports the introduction of a

minimum wage as a means of "putting the bottom back in the bucket of in-work benefits". Business nervousness about the recommendation is underlined by the commission's insistence that a national

level that will not destroy jobs. ☐ Macroeconomic policy. As well as an inflation target, the report argues for a growth target of a particular figure for nominal GDP. It proposes some independence for the Bank of ously opposed, are "fairly innocuous". England, giving it control of interest

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retaining overriding powers in an economic emergency. Public finances should move to a system of accruals Corporate governance. The commis-

sion favours stakeholding in the way companies are run - firms taking full account of relationships with suppliers, customers and employees as well as shareholders. The commission recommends changes in company law to require firms to report on non-financial performance measures, though it steers clear of any changes aimed at setting new legal restraints on takeovers. It proposes extending employee rights to information and consultation, and liberalising current law on the

issue of non-voting stock.

Competition. The commission argues for a shift to a prohibitive approach, linked to fines of up to 10 per cent of a company's turnover in a market, and an increase in the powers of the Director-General of Fair Trading. It rejects combining the responsibilities of the OFT and MMC in favour of making the OFT the investigating body and the MMC the adjudicator. DEducation and training. It recommends improving quality in schools through higher spending, funding nursery places for all three to fouryear-olds, cutting primary school class sizes to 30 or less, and compulsory

training for young workers. Britain has of course seen such economic blueprints before - sets of worthy proposals which often get put aside in the hurly-burly of business and politics. That may yet happen to the commission's recommendations as it largely did to those of its predecessor, the Commission on Social Justice. which was set up by John Smith, Mr Blair's predecessor. But with business acknowledging at the very least the real possibility of a Labour government within the next few months, today's measures stand a strong chance of shaping a new Labour

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Witches' brew: Nicholas Hytner on the filming of Arthur Miller's classic play, The Crucible



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No thorns in Hytner's Hollywood

Years of putting old plays on stage helped Nicholas Hytner to get Arthur Miller's

The Crucible on film, Matt Wolf reports

even held a movie camera until three years ago, Nicholas Hytner is doing pretty well in his new career as a filmmaker. Before that, of course, the Cambridge-educated Hytner was one of our leading opera and theatre directors, whose name was regularly mentioned in arts world parlour games about who would take over the National Theatre.

Instead. Hytner took himself out of consideration for such a job and began directing films, where with his two projects to date he has achieved a success so far unmatched by other theatre colleagues (Peter Hall, Trevor Nunn) who have dabbled in cinema.

The Madness of King George in 1994 turned a tidy profit and was up for four Oscars, despite being an essentially downbeat story with a cast all but unknown to the multiplex cinema audience. Currently on release in America and due in Britain next month is Hytner's film of Arthur Miller's The Crucible, which is hotly tipped to figure in the Oscar nominations to be announced on February II. With both films based on awardwinning plays. Hytner looks to be a dramatist's best hope of making a

smooth transition to the big screen. As a film director. Hytner has a talent for retaining the power of his theatrical source material while reinventing the plays cinematically so that they do not seem stagey. In King George, the camera was a restless, whirling presence, scurrying around the palace as if it could barely keep pace with its porphyra-olagued Hanoverian monarch

Similarly. The Crucible begins not with a history lesson about New England Puritanism, but with the forest rituals of a community of girls brought together by a desire for erotic release. Miller wrote the screenplay, which differs substantially from his original play.

Although both films are period pieces, there is nothing embalmed about them: Hymer knows how to make movies move. That actually comes, perhaps, from having spent a career putting old plays on stage." says the 40-year-old Hytner, sitting in the National Theatre canteen prior to a run-through of The Cripple of Inishmaan, the Martin McDonagh play that has brought him back to the London theatre for the first time in almost four years.

e says period is "no big deal with me: you just get it right and get on with it. Initially, he says. "there was a bit of discussion, a few things the studio asked about: should it not say 'Salem, 1692' at the beginning? The first draft had a montage of Puritan life — churning butter and ploughing fields — and my opinion was always that the fact that the story takes place in 1692 was of itself uninteresting. "When was the last time you saw

a production of a Shakespeare play which had a big sign saying 'Illyria, 1600? I find too many horses and carriages. too much Upstairs Downstairs stuff, rather tiresome. Ultimately, what you do is create a world for a purpose, which is to give the people about whom your movie revolves some kind of con-



Nicholas Hytner rehearsing The Crucible: "I've not met the dumb, venal, vulgar Hollywood: for once, they wanted to treat a great literary icon with some respect

King George, Hymer's filmmaking baptism, was an independently financed picture made for the Samuel Goldwyn Company. By contrast, The Crucible was a fullyfledged Hollywood venture, a \$25 million investment by Twentieth Century Fox boasting a pedigree writer rather more revered in Britain than he is in his native country, and two bankable stars in Daniel Day-Lewis and Winona

Did the pressures increase to match the budget? "Not at all," says Hytner. The Crucible was never 'the studio experience you're led to expect. For once, Hollywood wanted to treat a great literary icon with some kind of respect while at the

same time making an exciting movie; they didn't want to adulter-

"I think America is done a disservice by the entire English serious press; it's absolutely unbelievable. I've not met the dumb, venal, vulgar Hollywood; why would I? It has no interest in me at all, I don't want to spend \$100 million. The interesting thing about Hollywood is that hiding behind every bush is an intelligent, cultivated, sensitive, educated executive who can't really admit to it."

Fox, Hytner reports, had made a deliberate decision to make films at a relatively modest budget in studio terms, and Arthur [Miller] could not have been more eager to get it to work". Miller had watched his Crucible screenplay languish on a shelf for five years failing to attract interest. "Arthur thinks it was largely because people were terrified of the language," says Hymer, "which I have to say never occurred to me; plainly it's not a handicap. If you come from the theatre, you know that language of that poetic force is an asset in the hands of the right actors.

"One's fear was that Arthur might want a beautifully filmed. version of the play, which could not be further from what he wanted at all. He was waiting to settle down with a director as soon as one committed to it, in order to rip the screenplay to bits and put it back

hut at the foot of his Connecticut garden, folding Hymer's suggestions into his script. "He could not have been more excited by the whole idea of treating the witch-hunt panic as a physical virus— pushing the camera, pulling it. The energy of a camera moving the idea that you can leave out so much information because the cut has that in it. Arthur was mightily

turned on by that." Looking ahead, Hymer mext: directs two scripts by American dramatists. The first, to begin filming in New York in May with Winona Ryder in the lead, is adapted by Hytner's friend Wendy

ogether as a movie; which he did: Wasserstein [The Heldi Chroni-For six months, Miller sat in a cles] from Stephen McCauley's cles) from Stephen McCauley's novel The Object Of My-Affection. After that comes Martin Sherman's version of The Dybbuk, set in Atlantic City in the 1950s.

"I'm going to go on doing plays," says: Hytner, who has already started discussing an off-Broadway transfer of Cripple of Inishmaan. But, he adds, "I'm just loving making movies, and it is tremendously exciting. You get a huge buzz, and you feel more creative. As a director, you feel that what you eventually put before an audience contains more of you."

• The Crucible opens in Britain on Feb 21: The Cripple of Inishmaan continues in reperiory at the National Theatre

THEATRE: Absorbing study of urban decay; plus an unconvincing Earnest

Angels with dirty faces

YOU may feel that the mmstreets is enough to make the angels weep. Alex Mermi-kides goes further in the odd, absorbing playlet he has writ-ten for Omphale Theatre. He brings to London a blue-winged, blue-haired angel and transforms him from a confident loudmouth into a shattered wreck who swigs rider and mouths nonsense from a stolen sleeping-bag. Watching the homeless has driven him mad; or so it is

implied.
The homeless are represented by two street-kids with vaguely obscene names and undernably repellent looks: a bald scraped skull for Daron Orant, matted, stringy hair for Sabina Netherclift, filthy faces for both. Their days consist of crawling from a shared sleeping-bag and shoving their palms at passers-by with grunts of "change". They are confused. "change". They are confused, inarticulate, violent. When he takes an undue proportion of the food supply — here, a mummified bird he thinks is a

OSCAR Wilde once said there were two

ways of disliking his plays. The first is to dislike them; the other, he suggested with a certain peevishness, is to like Earnest.

One further way to express distaste for his comedies might be to mount a production of Earnest in which corseted tension appears in place of intricate

spirals of frivolity, in which comedy and

seriousness work antagonistically, and in

which the show almost strudders to a halt every time Lady Bracknell speaks. The Abbey's latest production of The Importance of Being Earnest, directed by

Patrick Mason, is guilty of all three transgressions to some extent, but none

more seriously than this last. Rosaleen Linehan, as Wilde's juggernaut dowager,

never quite settled in her role, too often

Some of Linehan's problems may have

arisen because she could not, it seemed, decide how best to approach the role. Would it be more interesting to convert

the part into the kind of breathlessly

brassy character with which she is

associated, rolling her eyes with saucy

grief whenever contemporary mores are discussed? Or perhaps the answer might

be to let Bracknell register as an old

woman, simply confused as to whether she is hearing right, muttering almost

letting the character slip out of focus.

Surviving Lyric Studio, Hammersmith

it — she beats him up. Imagine a blend of one of Beckett's late plays and a lowlife mime show, and you have the feel that Mermikides and her director. Annie Siddons, seem to want. Their lack of sentimentality is admirable and, I believe, strengthens their case. If you wish to draw attention to the disintegration of urban decency and the waste of young lives, it is best to admit at once that we are talking less of attractive people in trouble than of people rendered unattractive by the neglect they have suffered However, I was less taken with the whimsy that occasionally intrudes into the

Such as it is, this consists of representatives of the city - a flasher, a nerdish joker, a crazed evangelist - waylay-



Matt Abley and Sabine Netherclift in "a blend of one of Beckett's late plays and a low-life mime show"

ing but failing to help our beggars. Finally a "Lady" gives them choes, whereupon. they break into her flat, strip off a hundred layers of foul clothing, and seem to expect a welcome from her when she returns home. It is as if a derelict Wendy and a hobo Peter Pan were playing house; and it seems a lot less true than the moment when the scream of police strens sends them scampering for

There is no analysis of how or why these two became what they are. Instead, Emma Pask's unnamed Lady is con-fronted, as people often are in London, with unexplained poverty and reacts, as people sometimes do, with garbled attempts to rationalise her own inaction. Whatever the caveats, this is a piece for today and I fear, tomorrow

> BENEDICI NIGHTINGALE

Handbagged to a halt by the dowager

The Importance of Being **Earnest**

Abbey, Dublin

inaudibly when it comes to making the inquity: "A handbag?".
Like much of the production, Linehan never found a convincing line of interpretation and, like the production, had nothing near the strength to do without such architecture.

Wilde may have sown the seeds of lovely comic turns in the older characters here, but of the Prism, Bracknell and Chasuble grouping, only Harry Towb as the latter displayed the development of any strategy to amuse. He enters eye-brows first, blinking nervously and proceeds to pitch the canon in a glorious

key, somewhere between dither and religiously circumscribed lunacy.

Of the younger crew, Dawn Bradfield gave Cecily a shrewd airhead styling, but Alison McKenna as her comrade in adversity, Gwendolen, apparently attempting to do without charm or spine, gave little impression of understanding gave little impression of understanding why her lines might be funny. Scene between the two were, consequently bleached of comic vitality.

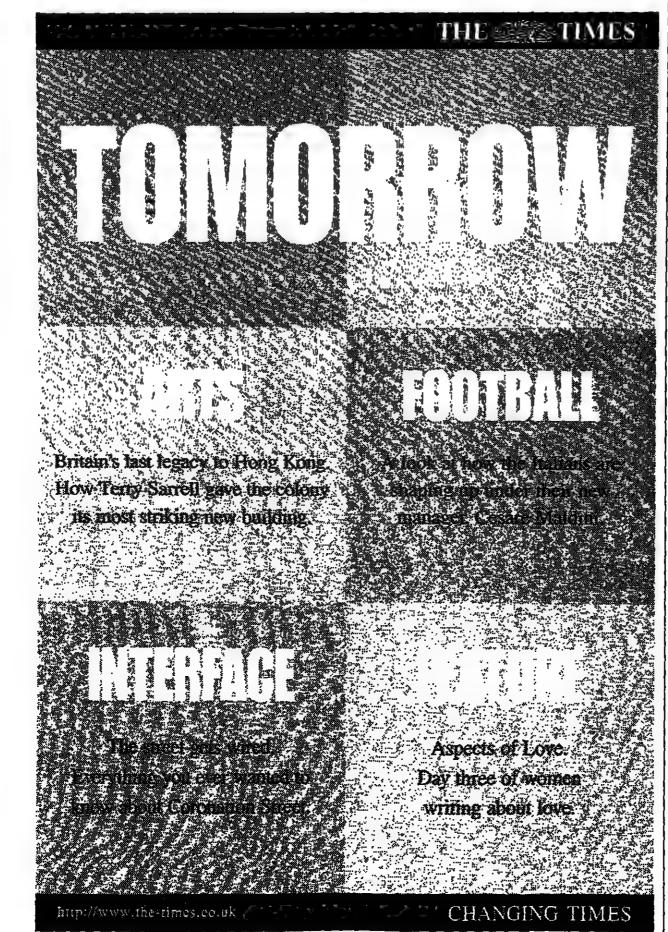
As their admirers, Darragh Kelly (Algernon) and Frank McCusker (Earnest) never looked well cast, which perhaps accounted for the discomfort with which they seemed to be working.

When the production finally began to use the thrusting stage, late in the third act. Mason at last started to impose himself, putting the tent through a bizarte chain of parodies and pastickes, using his actors for airy choral work, before suddenly cutting into the stagiest of self-righteous Victorian melodramas.

Somewhere here, hidden in Mason's

Somewhere here, hidden in Mason's approach to the play's closing movements, in his belief in the playwrights elaborate confidence with genre, there might yet lie a fascinatingly affectionate way to dislike Earnest.

LUKE CLANCY





VISUAL ART 1

Gary Hume shows the remarkable changes in his range and style over the past four years



VISUAL ART 2

. and Fiona Rae demonstrates her vibrant virtuosity, in a brilliant exhibition at the Saatchi Gallery





■ VISUAL ART 3

Frank Auerbach displays his undiminished powers in a show at Marlborough Fine Art



MUSIC

A Polish master revisited: Lutoslawski's music is served up in bulk at the Barbican

Richard Cork on a Saatchi Gallery showcase for the flamboyant paintings of Gary Hume and Fiona Rae

Teasing and pleasing in full colour

hen Gary Hume was included in the last Turner Prize exhibirecent paintings did not even hint at the convulsive change be underwent four years ago. But now, ar the Saatchi Gallery, the dramatic extent of that transformation is

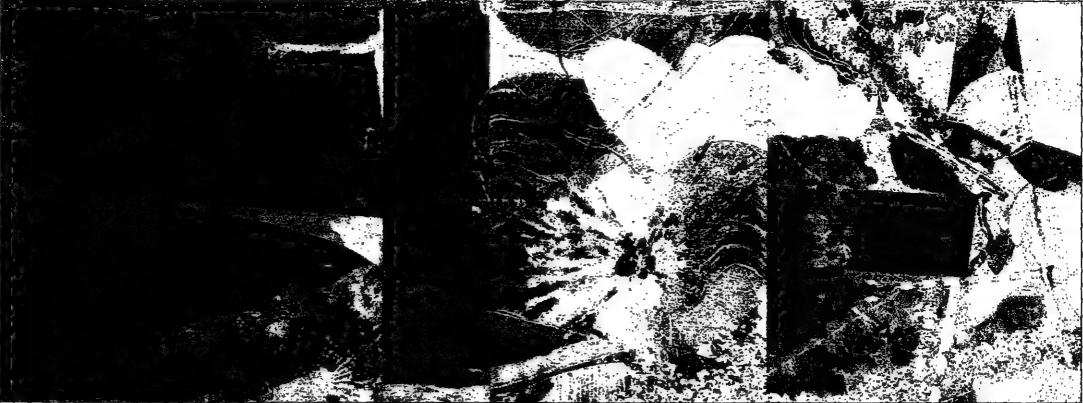
exposed in the very first room.
On one wall a large untitled image from 1991 is restricted to a severe arrangement of circles and oblongs. It looks at first like an abstraction of the most zealous kind. Then its resemblance to a pair of swing doors becomes apparent. What started out as a purist exercise in geometrical form turns into a faithful, lifesize evocation of a clinical hospital interior.

All the same, it still seems stern compared with Hume's other picture in the room. Painted only two years later. Jealousy and Passion lives up to its shameless title by revelling in sexy swagger. A flamboyant yellow figure dominates, flaunting an ample physique. The face is featureless, apart from a grinning woman's mouth cut from a photograph and projecting from the surface on a piece of cardboard. Glistening with linstick, it recalls the brazen beyday of Pop Art.

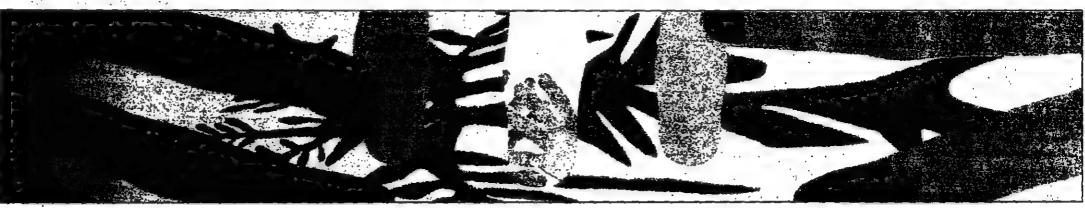
But Hume introduces a disconcerting note by slicing the head off at one side and adding a darker form. Abuting a green flower, it appears sulkily envious of the figure's exuberance. So we are left with ambiguity, not knowing the gender of this strutting poseur whose right hand rests on a flower crimson with rampant desire.

Charles Saatchi's enthusiasm for Hume's art means that both phases of his work are handsomely represented. They prove that the pre-1993 period is more various than its obsession with doors might suggest. Early on, when he had only just graduated from Goldsmiths' Hume restricted Four Subtle Doors to a single, discreet hue. The shapes within each unit are barely detectable except as incised contours, and Hume's use of gloss paint adds to the percentual confu-sion, presenting us with reflections

of our own peering baces. colour is spectacularly unleashed. Puce is juxtaposed with scarlet on cream highlighting the circles and rectangles as if they were eyes. noses and mouths. Hume's later fascination with figures is already hinted at here. Even so, an immense firee-panel picture called Stop returns to sobriety. Limited in range to black, four shades of grey and a single off-white, the painting is dour and forbidding. At the same time, Stop possesses a stripped, moremental grandeur, it proves that Trume could find awesome



Above, Flora Rae's characteristically exuberant Untitled (blue and purple), 1994. Below, Gary Hume revealing a "Matisse-like love of burgeoning foliage" in his 1995 painting, My Aunt and I Agree



dignity in the most banal and petitive of everyday subjects.

Soon after painting a still more Imposing door-picture. My Guerni-ca, in 1992, he decided to break free. The doors had to be pushed open. beyond these claustrophobic interiors. So Jealousy and Passion prances onto his stage, and subsequent pictures roam with promiscnous delight from three-leaf clovers to Tony Blackburn

In visual terms, a dangerous love of gaudy decorative embellishment is mercifully countered by a continusl urge to refine and simplify. The abstract rigour of Hume's early work is still evident, and it usually prevents him from wallowing in an over-pretty involvement with flowers and leaves. But he is not afraid

to indulge in a Matisse-like love of burgeoning foliage, most openly in a. wide-screen epic of a painting called My Aunt, and I Agree. The elongated fingers stretching across this immense panel are half tender. ality, finding unexpected fear in the eyes gazing out of an otherwise lyrical Garden Painting.

He likes to tease the viewer, nowhere more disturbingly than in Begging For It. The slender, gloved arms silhouetted in the foreground might be raised in prayer, supplication or erotic hunger. Hume makes sure that the pale blue figure beyond is so hazy that her true feelings are unknowable. But I found myself returning to this understated, beautifully judged image again and again,

Fiona Rae, who graduated from Goldsmiths' only a year before Hume, shares the Saatchi show with him. Her debut was just as confident, appearing like Hume in the landmark Freeze exhibition mien Hirst in 1988. Since then, however, she has not changed as startlingly. Abstraction is still her language, and she deploys it with irresistible gusto.

Early on, she left generous expanses of her canvas bare while indulging in a dizzy range of markmaking. Hints of objects as mundane as a suitcase, a walking-stick or a toy dog can perhaps be found in a 1989 painting. But Rae makes their identities uncertain by brusquely cutting them off, or invading them with impetuous

rushes of pigment. Headlong improvisation, performed with all the exhilaration of a freewheeling jazz musician, is her forte.

Everything, in her chronically restless art, is in a state of flux. instead of inducing excessive anxi-ety, Rae juggles all her elements with such brio that she leaves us feeling elated. To look at one of her best paintings is to be caught up in a high-risk performance. We sense her nervousness, wondering how such visual anarchy could ever achieve an unlikely coherence. And yet, against all the odds, she succeeds in pulling back from hopeless confusion.

As her work proceeds pell-mell through the 1990s, Rae makes the paintings even more complex than

before. She introduces blocks of geometric form, playing them off against the wilder marks that still seem to have been shot onto the canvas from a scatter-gun. The areas of bare canvas disappear.

and I found myself longing for the greater airiness of her earlier work. She can seem almost frantic in her desire to court total bewilderment. But then, just as I felt sated by her relentless bombardment. Rae persuaded me to go on looking.

She is a virtuoso manipulator of oil paint, adept at retaining order even when her pictures seem choked with incident. In some 1995 images the pigment is spattered, dragged, flung and prodded with outrageous abandon. All this impulsive activity is, however, given

unexpected unity by titanic circles outlined in white. Although their contours are delicately defined. they manage to impose a reassur-ing sense of discipline.

But Rae is far too immersed in an too much stability. The 1996 paintings do, admittedly, contain more circles than before. Any solidity they may possess is, however, challenged by the grey masses of agitated paint alongside. As blurred and impossible to identify as interference on a television screen, they pose an incessant threat. For all her infectious high spirits. Rae seems in these ominously swarming pictures more aware of disintegration than ever. ● Fiona Rae and Gary Hume: Saatchi Gallery (NI71-624 8299) until April 6

THE STREET OF THE STREET A guide to the best available recordings,

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SHOSTAKOVICH'S FIFTH SYMPHONY Reviewed by Michael Oliver

THERE are no lewer than 42 currently available recordings of Shostakovich's Fifth Symphony, which must make it the most popular symphony since Sibelius. From being regarded as

Shostakovich's capitulation to the demands of the Soviet regime for "socialist realism" ta Moscow newspaper of the time dubbed it "a Soviet artist's creative reply to justi-fied criticism", and Shostakovich was too prudent to deny it), it has become far more generally recognised as a bit-ter tragedy. The symphony has quite literally grown as that assessment has become more general: a work which, in its early recordings, generally played for 45 minutes at the most now takes 50 minutes

Since the manuscript has vanished and the conductor of the first performance in 1937, Yevgeny Mravinsky, des-cribed the tempo markings in the printed score as "incorrect", we cannot describe any performance of it as "authenpic" unless it is one of Mravinsky's own. There are no fewer than six of them, most filled with insights and toweringly eloquent, but most # also poorly recorded (the best is his last, recorded in 1984 -Erato 2292-45752-2), and in all of them his tempos are at times decidedly hasty.

Aithough there are numerous poorly recorded accounts of the symphony, and others



played by orchestras that cannot manage the sheer weight of string tone that it demands, there are few downright bad performances among the 42. The best are those that make satisfying sense of Shostako-vich's ambiguous but obviously carefully planned tempo

relationships. Among the very finest are distinguished readings by Neeme Järvi (Chandos), Bernard Haitink (Decca), Leonard Bernstein (Sony), the composer's son Maxim Shostakovich (Collins Classics), and Vladimir Ashkenazy (Decca). But two at bargain price also stand out a splendid recent account by Sir Charles Mackerras and the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra (Tring TRP032), and a much older one (1965) by André Previn and the London Symphony Orchestra (RCA 74321 24212 2, £4.49). This was the first recording of the symphony to approach 50 minutes in timing, and throughout it has the quality of a still young conductor discovering the sheer stature of a tragic masterpiece and communicating that discovery with an eloquence all the more profound for its sobriety.

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AROUND THE GALLERIES ☐ Sandra Bank has virtually

HOW long must a major artist go on innovating in order to remain major? This was a problem for several of in that the load of pigment on the last generation of painters: the canvas continues to lighten, and the colours become Sutherland, Nicholson, even at times Bacon. Today it ever less funereal. But the applies to Kossoff, Hodgkin. essential vision and the artist's and Frank Averbach, with way of embodying it remain

his show of recent work at the almost obsessively consistent. Marlborough. There is little strikingly new in the Auer-Does that matter? Not in this case. The effect of the bach show. He is still doing show is to establish the mothe portrait drawings which, although they look sketchy to the point of abstraction, manment one walks in that this is a brilliantly individual artist at the peak of his powers. Average through many layers of bach may still be producing variations on a familiar theme, but each time he superimposition to convey an cerily accurate likeness. returns to it he finds new

Then there are the painted figures, which need the viewer resoundoes Mariborough Fine Art, 6 Alto stand back and let the bemarle Street, WI (0171-629) seemingly random brushstrokes coalesce, and the land-5161) Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm. scapes. Change is perceptible,

or veer off at right-angles from Sat 10am-12.30pm, to Feb 15. Harriet Green the figures are

nothing in common with Auerbach except an interest in palimpsest. A theme will be taken up, then partially erased, scumbled, or roughly painted over and another version imposed. Sometimes the same figure will be reiterated. Sometimes another is painted on top, so that the first will linger like one of Blake's psychic forms, peering through or about to burst forth from whatever follows. Sometimes the canvas may be turned on its side, so that the visible shapes seem to collide

In Bank's new show at

entirely human, most fre-quently female, but sometimes male and sometimes intriguingly ambiguous. There are, for example, some variations on the theme of The Three Graces, à la Canova, except that the central figure, with its back to the spectator, appears to be male and one of the canvases is teasingly entitled Ménage à Trois. All of them keep one guessing, even as one appreciates the niceness with which the muted palette of earth and sea tones is de-

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Unchained melodies

MUSIC: John Allison on the Barbican's extensive Lutoslawski festival

death almost three years ago his music has lived on in regular performances, but there had been no stocktaking retrospectives of his history. He survived the work until the BBC devoted Nazis and Stalin to become a moral force in modern music, unswerving in his its latest annual composer weekend to him. The essence determination to write as he of Lutoslawski is not easily distilled; this needed to be a wished. He drew only what he liked from serialism and comprehensive series and, aleatoric forms to fashion an thanks to the Guildhall clegant, expressive voice that School of Music and Draalways renewed itself. ma's own complementary Lutosławski clearly broke festival last week, it was the chains of political and Between Tuesday and Sunday London beard the bulk

by lectures, an exhibition and two films with Lutoslawski scores. Breaking Chains, as the Barbican festivities were drew Davis, is literally a called, renewed admiration chain of contrasting thematfor the composer but did not ic and timbral ideas which make him any easier to sum up: he cannot be "classified" break off abruptly. Chain II, given here as the composer to a corner of musical

of his output, supplemented

Witold Lutoslawski,

Poland's greatest post-

war composer, has never been in doubt. Since his

intended in a triptych with his Partita and Interlude, is a compact but demanding violin concerto in which Antje Weithaas was the

end's first two evenings was musical tyrauny, but the Chains that lent their title to the series were three works from the last period of his life. Chain III, which opened Friday's BBC Symphony Orchestra concert under An-

sweet-toped soloist. The highlight of the week-

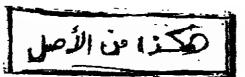
Martin Roscoe's commanding performance of the o Concerto with the **BBC** National Orchestra of Wales under Mark Wigglesworth. Moments of brutal power contrast with delicate, glittering motifs, and lush passages for strings and piano suggest a wonderful revisiting of Rachmaninov: perhaps, for all the modernism and neo-classicism of his music. Lutoslawski was the last of the late Romantics.

The Fourth Symphony.

which Wigglesworth moulded compellingly, evokes al-most Mahlerian struggles. though it is short. Here and in the Piano Concerto one marvelled at Lutoslawski's orchestration and the clarity of his textures. In each of his composition-

al phases Lutoslawski was always a master craftsman. Even the "manufactured" serialism of the Funeral Music is deeply felt, though its monochromatic images could not be further from the witty tone-painting of the song-cycle Chantefleuers et Chantefables, which the soprano Valdine Anderson sang with a sense of fun.

The Concerto for Orchestra received a powerful, surging performance from Davis and the BBCSO, but above ail it was the late-night concert of his Twenty Polish Christmas Carols, with Stephen Jackson conducting the BBCSO, Chorus and glinting soprano Claron McFadden, that really took us back to the composer's roots.





CHOICE 1

The John Ogdon Foundation benefits from a gala concert

VENUE: Tonight at the Queen Elizabeth Hall



■ CHOICE 2

Alan Bennett's Forty Years On is toured prior to the West End

VENUE: Now at the Yvonne Arnaud, Guildford





FILM MUSIC: Clive Davis on the tangled tale of 2001's rival soundtracks

Dancing into space. "It's hard to find anything better than The Blue Danube for depicting grace." Kubrick claims

Unwanted on voyage

FILM MUSIC Stanley Kubrick's battles over the soundtrack to 2001 are recalled, three

decades later



POP Christy Moore returns to his home turf with some mock-heroics - and a few jarring sentiments

JOHN OGDON Lady Sola introduces a 60th anniversary gala in aid of the John Cydon Foundarion and the Pork Lane Group Film excernts at Ogdon, playing Tunawaysky's Plans Concerto No.1. or-code a programme of music by Such Pachmanicov, Brohms Buthiev Listi, Chopin Saymanow The Part County Symposium of the parent himself The pandipaling artists include Peter Condition Mail Gasser Christ Alexent Standa Lucas Ondon, Bons Beradousky Millous Demokratika and Napral Mede Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, SE1, 0171-960 42421 Toright 7 45pm

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as far as film-music buffs are concerned, is the way Kubrick used the soundtrack to evoke the spirit of the new technological age. The combination of the two Strausses, Johann and Richard, and György Ligeti, made 2001's score arguably the most distinctive blend of celluloid images and melody since Al Jolson first sang on-screen. EMI's release of the complete soundtrack album (including the full-length version of Ligeti's Lux Aeterna) provides another opportunity to savour the incongruities of

Kubrick's aural imagery. And,

with the composer Alex

North's aborted score also in circulation, enthusiasts with a video recorder, a CD player and sufficient patience can make up their own minds about which body of music -Kubrick's or North's - works the more effectively.

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North, who died six years ago, aged 80, had previously worked with Kubrick on the slave epic Spartacus, creating one of the genre's most dra-

popular by the prolific Max prolific Steiner. Strongly influenced by

rhythms, swing well-received ortures. Other credits included The Rainmaker, The Sound and the Fury and Who's

40 minutes of music, he contracted muscle and back pains so severe that he had to be taken to the recording session in an ambulance. While waiting to complete

the commission. North received word that no further music would be needed. When, some time later, he attended a screening of the finished film he discovered that not a note of his work had

been used. In the end Kubrick had North's decided to employ the so-called temporary" track music was demonstration music used to indilong felt cate the mood required on the to be a lost finished soundclassic

Instead οÍ heard Also Sprach Zarathustra and the Adagio from Khachaturian's Gayane ballet suite. At one point Kubrick had considered using extracts from Mahler's Third Symphony, while the original temporary track for the Blue Danube sequence is said to have been the scherzo from Mendelssohn's A Midsummer

Night's Dream. North, understandably, was said to have been "devastated". Kubrick is also underAdventures, used in one of the final sequences.

For a quarter of a century North's soundtrack was regarded as a lost masterpiece. When his colleague Jerry Goldsmith conducted the first recording in 1993, it was finally possible to appreciate the full subtleties of his work. which is certainly more consistent in tone that the mosaic of soundscapes on the film.

But is it possible to imagine 2001 without The Blue Danube? "Most people under 35." Kubrick once explained, "can think of it in an objective way, as a beautiful composition. It's hard to find anything much better than The Blue Danube for depicting grace and beauty in turning." Similarly, Also Sprach Zarathustra became a cosmic theme for our times, mentaries and Apollo moon-

Soon afterwards, when American scientists launched the Voyager probe on a oneway journey beyond our solar system, the payload included Glenn Gould's recording of a orelude and fugue from Book. One of Bach's Well-Tempered Clavier. Perhaps they had Kubrick's example in mind. Music, after all, is the most potent human code of all.

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Dressed all in black, he lifted his acoustic guitar aloft and saluted his faithful flock in his distinctive brogue, appearing like a cross between Johnny Cash and a singing cleric from Father Ted. Which is as flippant a description as it might read: Moore's set list ranged from the pointed, politically engaged social com-mentary of which Cash is such a master (for instance, the anti-Nazi polemic of Yellow Triangle, or two songs about the Troubles in Northern Ireland) through to faintly surre-



The Point, Dublin

al, mock-heroic epics that would not be out of place on some quirky Irish comedy show.

It is with the latter category that he is at his best, artiully fashioning something extraordinary from the ordinary. And it is partly because he celebrates, rather than castigates. the everyday and the familiar that he is so popular. The numerous chapalongs and singaiones that are still ringing in my cars bear testament to that

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However, there are reservations. Despite being motivated by the best of intentions, some of the songs Moore has written commemorating various tragic events in modern Maybe that is because they seem too direct to lack pathos. or perhans because it just felt like an inappropriate time to be recollecting such a grim event as the early 1980s Stardust disco inferno.

Much more gratifying were his covers of plaintive, heart-melting ballads such as Nancy Spain. One Last Cold Kiss and, of course, Ride On. And the finale. The Banks of the Les — sung a cappella — exemplified why Moore's place in Irish folklore is FORUME.

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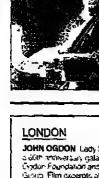
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Badly drafted legislation has reduced the number of transplant donors by failing to resolve some key issues, says Siobhan Dechan

The announcement last week by Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, that the transplantation of animal organs into human patients (xenotransplantation) is to be bauned is a severe blow to many patients awaiting transplants in this country. Use of the pioneering techniques has been delayed until more is known about the dangers of such transplants and until legislation

is introduced to regulate the practice. Interest in developing genetically modified animal organs highlights the dilemma facing transplant surgeons the chronic shortage of human organs: Despite public education exercises and the high survival rate and relatively low cost of transplantation, the number of transplants performed falls short of the 6,000 patients awaiting new organs.

This shortage can be traced to several factors. Improved medical techniques have resulted in a demand for organs that has far outstripped the NHS's ability to co-ordinate or finance transplants. Attempts to increase donation of organs after death have been thwarted

The great organ shortage

by concerns about the removal of organs without consent or before death, and about interfering with death itself. The supply of buman organs has also been kindered by poorly drafted, outdated and restrictive legislation. The law governing organ transplantation is defined in the Human Tissue Act, 1961, regulating the use of cadaver organs, and the Human Transplantation. the Human Organ Transplantation Act, 1989, dealing with live organ transplants. About 90 per cent of organs transplanted are taken from cadavers. The Human Tissue Act created a "contracting in system, whereby under Section 1 (i) an individual can request the donation of his organs after death for the purposes of therapy, education or research. Donation is achieved by executing a written request or by making an oral request in the presence of two-wis-

nesses. Under Section 1 (ii) of the Act, if

no request for donation exists, the person lawfully in possession of the body may authorise the use of organs for transplantation only after making "reasonable inquiries" that neither the deceased nor surviving relatives have

The 1961 Act has failed to resolve key issues. First, it is unclear whether donor cards satisfy the Act's requirement for donation to be requested in an "authorised form". Secondly, the Act does not make clear who is "lawfully in possession of the body", and fails to define essential terms, such as "surviving relatives" or "reasonable inquiries".

Neither does the 1961 Act define the moment at which death occurs. Confusion and fear about the diagnosis of death remain an impediment to the voluntary donation of organs. Studies suggest that about 30 per cent of families Combined with doctors' reluctance to intrude at the scene of death, such refusals contribute to the scarcity of organs.

The use of living donors is governed by the 1989 Act. which prohibits commercial dealings in organs, makes an offence of advertisements inviting persons to offer or supply organs for payment and criminalises the removal of organs from unrelated living persons without the approval of the Unrelated Live Transplant Regulatory Authority. The Act was intended to preserve individual autonomy and to protect the

But the Act seems confused. First, it is unclear why unrelated donations require approval while related donations (possibly influenced by emotional coercion) are accepted without scrutiny. Secondly, in concentrating on genetic

relations, the Act fails to consider possible donations by spouses and cohabitees. More critically, by criminalising certain forms of donation, the Act has increased public aversion to donation and exacerbated the organ scarcity.

nitiatives to improve the voluntary donation of organs under the 1961 and 1989 Acts have failed to provide enough organs. The impact of donor cards, introduced in 1971, has been limited to their equivocal status under the 1961 Act, by public reluctance to carry cards, and by the ability of surviving relatives to override the deceased's wishes. More recent attempts to improve the supply of organs have met the same fate as xenotransplantation. Some surgeons have advocated paying live do-nors for their organs, but public, parliamentary and medical opinion appears to be opposed to a trade in human organs.

One simple way to improve the organ supply is to introduce a "contractingout" scheme of the kind used in many European countries. This would author ise the surgical removal of organs automatically unless the deceased had registered an objection before death or before the relatives objected to donation. In Belgium, where such a scheme was introduced in 1987, only 1,5 per cent of the population objected and the number of donors and transplants doubled.

Though recent opinion polls demonstrate growing parliamentary and public support for such a scheme, the medical profession and the Health Secretary are sceptical. However, if medical opposi-tion can be overcome, contracting-out would ensure an adequate supply of organs and remove the risk of transmitting potentially dangerous viruses from animals to human beings.

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Fighting the cynics

oday Robert Owen, QC, has cause for some celebration. Jack Straw, Shadow Home Secretary, may have pinched all the headlines last week over the need for curbs. on police bugging powers. But Mr Owen and the Bar were opposing the Police Bill's surveillance proposals from the start. The new Bar Chairman is quietly spoken, not given to grandiose rhetoric or dramatic posturing. The Bill, he says, poses a "grave threat to the

rights of innocent citizens". The Bar's relationship with new Labour, described as "cosy", seems to have paid off. With the help of most of Fleet Street, the Bar, along with groups such as Liberty and Justice forced a Labour cave in and may yet win the crucial safeguard that the new surveillance powers will be sub-

ject to prior judicial scrutiny. It was the first test for his leadership of the 8,000-strong practising Bar, a post he took on at the start of the year. Other battles loom over government proposals fixed fees for barristers civil legal aid work, for instance, which Mr Owen has pledged to fight tooth and nail. This is now a Bar Chairman's task; much of his work is shaped by outside events, more so than ever in a

general election year. To some extent," he says, we are setting the agenda for ourselves for this year, but I suspect it will be set to a very considerable degree by the new government, of whatever

The role is radically changed from that of 15 years ago. It is more political — both publicly and behind the scenes, with adept use of lobbying tactics. But Mr Owen is not an overtly political Chairman, either in terms of Bar politics or on the wider front, although he backs Tony. Blair. "Point one," Mr. Owen explains, "is that I am not

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Lord Bingham of Cornhill, is joining Tory peers to try to force the Home Secretary's

Last week Lord Carlisle of Bucklow, QC, the Criminal

Injuries Compensation Board chairman, previewed the next

fight over sentencing. In a lecture at the University of

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mandatory sentences as "un-

necessary and "ill-thought through", saying they would lead to injustice.

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would also rise "at something

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Lawyers will never be popular, the new Bar Chairman tells Frances Gibb. But they can answer their critics

loss that is recoverable at law."

afflicted by the political disease of initiativism. In other words, I am wary of mittiatives that have every appearance of hectic activity but actually yield nothing at all. The problems facing the Bar require long-term solutions. There are no easy answers."

Those problems are not new, Mr Owen, 52 — who was deputy chamman last year has taken on the baton from Peter Goldsmith, QC, and will see into effect a series of measures whose progress is under way. Top of the list is the new complaints machinery, to come into force in April. For the first time, the public can complain about shoddy work by a barrister and obtain

Another key area is education and training. Mr Owen will see into effect improved training (pupillage) for young barristers to ensure consistency. A working party is also looking at funding problems for young barristers because it has to be a matter of concern that students are carrying an increasing burden of debt into practice".

The Owen view is that chambers must be persuaded not forced - to provide adequate funding for trainees. "The use of force would decrease the number of pupil-lage places that are available." he says. "Chambers must have a degree of autonomy."

6 It is a matter of concern that students carry an increasinging burden of debt into practice ?

up to £2,000 compensation. The scheme has already come under fire for being watered down to meet the concern of criminal barristers that it will prompt complaints from every convicted client. But Mr Owen thinks it strikes a fair balance. He says: The role of the complaints commissioner is going to be vigorous in filtering complaints — at present about 70 per cent of complaints are found to be without foundation.

The new scheme does mean, however, that the lay person is going to be able to complain of inadequate professional service and when that is found, it will be open to the adjudicating panel to award compensation where the complainant has suffered a

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Then there is the new clearing scheme, widely criticised by students after 300 of them were offered all 800 places, leaving hundreds of would-be barristers in limbo for weeks. There have been concerns raised by many students, so we are obviously having a closer look. This year's lessons must be learnt. But I remain convinced that the reasons for its introduction, the relief of pressure on students of making multiple applications, and on chambers of processing vast numbers of applications.

are as compelling as ever." Education is one of Mr Owen's priorities. This year seven higher education institutions will be offering the oneyear Bar training course for the first time, ending the

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MARTIN MEARS, last year's Law Society President,

is clearly not going away. With Robert Sayer, his former

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active supporters on the Law

Society's council", he has

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to spill the beans about the

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monopoly of the lnns of Court School of Law. At the same time, Mr Owen is launching an Advocacy Studies Board under Lord Justice Kennedy to promote training in advocacy and raise standards. He has been working on improving training at the Bar. In his practice - countering professional negligence and medical

negligence - he has often had

to deal with the consequences

of poor standards. He is at

present involved in human growth hormone litigation. A common law harrister, he also does some criminal work (and is a strong supporter of the cab-rank rule): recent briefs include being retained as a prosecutor in the Asil Nadir case (until Nadir fled to Northern Cypris) and re-presing Nuclear Electric in the Wylfa Power Station dispute

in Anglesey.
Suave and a bit of a smoothy, the new Bar Chairman is nonetheless not of the traditional Oxbridge mould. He went to Durham School and Exeter University, and now lives in Barnes, west London, with his wife, an abstract painter. They have two grown sons. His roots are in Wales -- his father was Welshspeaking - and he is on London Welsh Rugby Club's committee. Sailing is also a passion and he has a second home

at Fowey in Cornwall. Unlike some of his predecessors, Mr Owen does not come to his new post with a readymade profile or set of press cuttings. Outside the Bar, he is not much known. But within, he is regarded for his quiet firmness ("he gets things done") underpinned by strong moral values about the place of the Bar in society. He says: "I see the Bar Council as the custodian of the profession's

those in authority". He lifts

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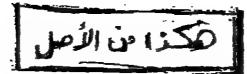












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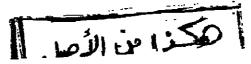
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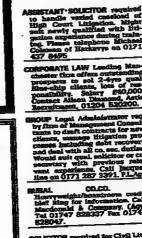
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Who can help on death row?

supporters in the West Indies these days. It is regularly criticised by Caribbean governments for supposed-ly being out of touch with social conditions in their countries, a coded way of criticising the number of successful appeals by con-: demned men.

Those on the Left, at the same time as welcoming the Privy Council's decisions, are sensitive to the charge that it is little more than a relic of the era-when whites told blacks what to do.

crystallise into something more ominous. The Government of Belize has proposed abolishing the right of appeal to the Privy Council in criminal cases, and in several recent appeals Belize has declined to be represented. The Belize Government's proposal does not envisage replacement of the Privy Council by another appeliate body, at least not

Most of the countries within the Privy Council's jurisdiction have written Constitutions containing protections against inhuman treatment by the State and guaranteeing the rule of law. Article 7 of Belize's Constitution prohibits inhuman or degrading treatment. In December we travelled to Belize to visit inmates on death row and to assist local lawyers with their appeals. The conditions we found the prisoners being kept in clearly breach Article 7, and were the worst either of us had ever seen. Our visit reinforced our view that despite its history and geography the Privy Council remains a vital safeguard for the most basic human rights. If governments and local courts are unwilling to enforce constitutional protections, the Privy Council must enforce them. Its abolition would reduce these constitutional pro-

tections to mere rhetoric. Belize's death row is situated at Hattieville prison, just outside Belize City. The Government abandoned the old prison at Belize City

crowding, lack of internal sanitation, and general dilapidation. Though the prison complex at Hat-tieville is much larger, it resembles — with cell blocks half-built — a building site. The maximum secunity unit, which includes death row, is a two-storey rectangular building with adjacent cubicles as cells. Inmates are not protected from the elements because the front of the cells is secured by bars.

The total disregard for humanity and basic human rights at lacks what to do.

Hattieville is startling. As we This criticism is startling to approached the unit along an systallise into something more uneven dirt track, the smell of human excrement and hodies crammed together in the stagnant hear was overpowering. To enter the unit, we had to walk across a plank over a most of stagnant liquid and excrement in front of the cells, no more than 2ft away. In the unit we found prisoners crammed five or six in cells measuring 9ft by oft. Each cell contains one bunk, which we were told by immates is occupied by the "strongest" inmate. The other men lie down on the concrete floor if there is space, or

crouch until there is space to lie. Each cell has a toilet but none of them seems to work, which means that all the men are required to use a bucket. It is difficult to imagine who suffers the greater indignity the immate forced to defecate in front of his companions, or those who have to sit in close proximity.

risoners told us that they sperid almost 24 hours a day in their cells. There are virtually no educational or recreational facilities and no medical, dental or psychiatric care. We noticed one prisoner on death row in a cell by himself, sitting on the floor with a blanket wrapped around him. When we asked his neighbours who he was, we were told that he had been there for four years, having been found unfit to plead. He was clearly mentally ill, but the only care he was receiving



Testing the rope: Bernard Adolphus, superintendent at Hattieville

was being provided by other death row prisoners. It was obvious that the authorities had forgotten him.

Though conditions for death row prisoners are less overcrowded, the cruelty of these conditions for them was recently given a refined edge by the erection of new gallows adcent to the condemned cells. The prisoners will almost certainly be able to hear the gallows being tested and the crash of the trap doors should any of them be executed. Though the prison superin-tendent told us that lack of money was to biame for the poor condi-tions, money could obviously be found for new execution apparatus.

Almost the worst aspect of the conditions at Hattieville is the hopelessness and desperation of the prisoners. We were accompanied on our visit by Simeon

Sampson, Senior Counsel, who is legendary among the prisoners for the amount of legal aid and pro bono work he does on their behalf. As we walked toward the unit, the prisoners came to the bars of their cells and began shouting his name in a vain attempt to attract his attention. We were told that few other lawyers bother to visit the pri-

son because they find the condi-

tions so disturbing. The Belizean Government is fully aware of the appalling Hattieville conditions but refuses to acknowledge them officially. Last year a report on the prison was produced by Belize's own Education and Rehabilitation Task Force. Its sole conclusion on conditions was that "Conditions in the maximum security unit are noticeably unsanitary and overcrowded".

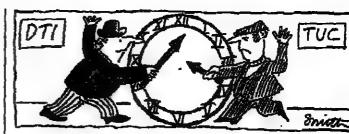
To read the report, it was easy to suppose that the task force had visited a different prison.

Despite the apathy of much of the local Bar, and the indifference of the Government, several death row inmates (represented pro bono by Mr Sampson and Kirk Anderson. his colleague) have challenged their conditions of confinement on the grounds that they violate Article 7 of the Belizean Constitution. The response of the local court to these applications has, however, been lamentable. The Supreme Court of Belize has dismissed these challenges as "frivolous and vexatious", despite the fact that the condition clearly violate several international standards, including the United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the American Convention on Human Rights, as well as Belize's own Prison Rules, which supposedly lay down minimum standards of treatment. It is likely that these cases will be heard by the Privy Council later this year.

t Hattieville, the prisoners have all but exhausted their domestic remedies. Who, then, is to enforce the constitutional guarantees? It may suit the purposes of the Belizean Government to castigate the Privy Council as a relic of the UK's imperialist past, but these platitudes avoid the real issue. The fact is that Belize is not living up to the impressive affirmation by its people in their Constitution that "the Nation of Belize is founded upon principles which acknowledge the Supremacy of God, faith in human rights and fundamental freedoms ... the dignity of the human person and the equal and inalienable rights with which all members of the human family are endowed by the Creator".

This leaves the Privy Council to face up to the reality of the situation and to ensure that these constitutional rights have effective remedies. Ultimately, the enforcement of human rights is more important than who it is that enforces them.

• Julian Knowles is a barrister at 3 Raymond Buildings, Grays Inn. Saul Lehrfreund is a human rights case-worker at Simons Muirhead & Burton, London. Simons Muirhead & Burton provides pro bono representation to more than 50 condemned men in the Caribbean for the purpose of appealing to the Privy Council, as well as to the UN Human Rights Committee and the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights. The project, supported by Penal Reform International, is co-funded by the European Commission and Simons Muirhead & Burton.



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Weekly hours test case looms

EU ruling ignites row over rights at work

There was a big fuss before Christmas when the European Court of Justice ruled against Britain over minimum working hours. This meant that along with all the other member states. Britain became subject to the terms of the Working Time Directive on November 23 last year. But unlike most of its partners, Britain has still not implemented it, a breach which leaves the Government open to claims for damages from workers.

Some unions - such as Unison. the GMB and the MSF - are already considering the legal options open to them on behalf of their members. Richard Arthur, Unison's legal officer, explained that this could be "either an action by the union to force the Government to implement the directive now, or a claim by an individual worker through the courts".

But the Government remains bullish in its approach. A spokeswoman for the Department of Trade and Industry claimed that she did not expect any challenge to succeed, because "the courts will use the test of reasonableness and our response has been perfectly reasonable. We are going to implement the directive; we just need time to consuit."

But Stephen Cavalier, head of the employment rights unit at Thompsons, the law firm that specialises in trade unions, says: This will not work, because they could have been consulting since 1993. As of Saturday | November 23 last year, a public sector worker can bring a claim against his employer. In the private sector, a claim can be brought against the Government."

Brian Bercusson, Professor of Law at the University of Manchester, explains: "This is because directives have a direct effect on those working for the State or emanations of the State, such as private utility companies."

And the Working Time Direc-

tive contains a number of provisions which fit that bill: such as the right to four weeks paid holiday, a maximum working week, minimum daily and weekly rest periods, a break during the working day and restrictions on night work.

Conversely, an individual in the private sector has to bring a claim against the Government, not his employer. Known as a Francovich claim, it means that if a directive is not properly implemented, anyone who has suffered damages can sue the Government if their individual

rights have been violated. Mr Bercusson reckons that this failure could have immediate implications. "In the public sector, any contract which requires an employee to work more than 48 hours on average is now unlawful and therefore that employee can sue for damages, if penalised by

the employer." he says. In the private sector, workers would have to wait for the damage to be caused, but this could include financial damage where the emplayer refuses to promote someone who will not work more than 48 hours. That would open the way to a claim for damages.

Another recent case decided by the European Court of Justice gives workers the right to sue for compensation for damages if a member state fails to implement a directive on time. So however bullish the Government's approach, this decision should set off some alarm bells because it has made itself liable.

The question which remains unanswered is why the Government has gone to such lengths to resist implementing what one of its own ministers once called a toothless piece of legislation. Perhaps Mr Arthur is right to accuse the Government of "playing politics with people's jobs".

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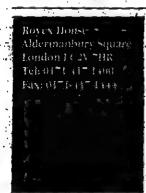
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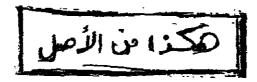
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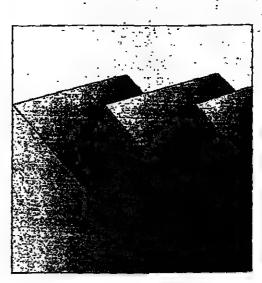
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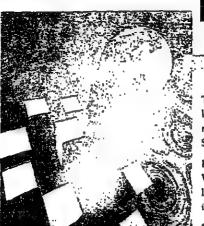


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Manchester wins battle for the North West

Edward Fennell on the mergers that demonstrate Mancunian dominance

over Liverpool's legal community

t was a tale of mixed fortunes from the North West last week. While Liverpool recled at the announcement from Halewood, most of Manchester rejoiced at the good news about the airport expansion.

For the lawyers in the region it was the final evidence, if any more were required, that Manchester is now the dominant force in the

region. There is now a belief that the Manchester scene has regrouped after surviving last year's bombing, and could start to challenge Leeds as the legal capital of the

But do recent developments make such references look dated? Can we still talk of major North West law firms or are they actually bigger than

that? The big news stories on the local legal scene are all about mergers and rumours of mergers. In particular, the absorption last year of Allsop Wilkinson into Dibb Lupton Broomhead to form Dibb Lupton Alisop was of national significance. It meant that Dibbs was now firmly established in Manchester and Liverpool and that

it now has the largest operation in the North West.

But as Paul Nichols, the regional managing partner, explained last week (in the middle of moving house so as to be midway between Liverpool and Manchester) his colleagues have only partly a regional allegiance. All of them are members of specialist groups organised nationally which may

take precedence over any regional link. Hence a lawyer in Manchester or Liverpool could quite possibly be working for a client in Sheffield or a transaction managed from Birmingham. Through technology it. does not matter where you work, but how job. This is illustrated even more forcibly by the merger of Leeds-

Paul Lee: scope based Booth & Co and Manchester's Addleshaw Sons & Latham. which takes effect on February I. The new firm - to be called

comprehensive service in a firm which is large enough to do all the most specialist City work. This, claims Paul Lee, the senior partner Addleshaw, Booth & Co - is promoting itself as being "the firmof the new firm, is what the clients of the North" and, in many ways, want and already, in the run-up to the traditional barriers between the merger, it is attracting some big Yorkshire and Lancashire are fresh clients drawn in by the scope being eroded. As in most current that is now on offer. In effect,



The Town Hall in Manchester, a city with an expanding legal community. At Liverpool, above, the legal scene changes little

mergers the aim is to give clients a

however, the creation of Addleshaw, Booth & Co looks like a rerun of the Dibb Lupton experience. Once the current merger has bedded down it is likely that further expansion or mergers will follow, with a strong London presence quite possibly the ultimate objective. The new firm will continue to function happily between the Nor-

ton Rose M5 network for the time being but, once we are beyond the millennium, the temptation of this northern firm to go national may be too great to resist.

In the meantime, Manchester's importance is already recognised, not just by the presence of other national firms such as Eversheds, Garrett & Co, and Hammond

firms such as Masons (the construction specialists) and Davies Arnold Cooper. As a result recruit-ment agencies find that where once émigrés from London used to gravitate to Leeds, they are now equally interested in Manchester. Both Quarry Dougail and ZMB, the leading London agencies, have thriving Manchester practices and comment that the city is now regarded by many young professionals as an anractive place to live and

Liverpool, by contrast, seems to be marking time. The legal scene changes little. Recruitment is more by word of mouth and personal recommendation than by public advertisement and its quality work is concentrated into a couple of

fields — shipping and insurance. There was depression among Liverpool lawyers last week on the news from Ford. It seemed like a kick in the teeth to an area which has been trying to improve its image and so a well-established firm like Weightmans, which specialises in insurance litigation, was having to console itself by

ichael Ball, a parmer, said: "We have clients from Scotland down to the South Coast and we find that in many ways Liverpool is still a good place to be a lawyer. The overheads are low and it is fairly easy to travel from here to other parts of the country,"

Even so, according to Graham Manley of Quarry Dougall, few young lawyers wish to work in Liverpool unless they have a specific link with the city through either family or university, and this is likely to inhibit the ability of firms to attract bright talent. After last week, Manchester now reigns

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HOCKEY: FLOOD OF GOALS HELPS STRIKER BANISH PAINFUL MEMORY OF OLYMPIC REJECTION

Crutchley's talent in need of showcase

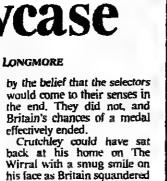
By Andrew Longmore

SO THEN, talk us through the goals, Bob. Well, the first was from a corner, straightforward enough. The second? Oh yes, a classic. Chris [Mayer] cut in from the left, found me with a 30-yard pass, one-onone with the keeper. Thank you very much. And the third was a bit lucky. It rebounded off the keeper, hit the defend-er's hand and went in. Still claim it though."

For those not familiar with the name. Bob Crutchley is the most prolific goalscorer in the land. His weekend hat-trick for Cannock brought his tally for the season to 31, to add to his 30 last season, the sort of figures that would have a footballer sweeping into the car park in a Mercedes adorned with personalised number plates - not, as is Crutchley's lot, borrowing his mother's car on a Saturday morning to get to the game. The problem is that

Crutchley's sport is hockey, so rewards come in less bankable forms. Fame touched him yesterday, however, when he and Kathryn Johnson, an outstanding defender in the Great Britain women's team that finished fourth in the Olympic tournament last summer, were named as the players of the year by the Hockey Writers' Association.

Neither that accolade, nor the knowledge that he can claim kinship with Jimmy Greaves on a distinguished list of great misused strikers. could completely erase the disappointment of his omission from the men's squad for Atlanta. The most talented goalscorer since Sean Kerly could not even make the final training party of 25, let alone the chosen to. He was buoved



watch and ended up living every sterile minute. 'l couldn't help it," he said. "I thought: 'I'll just see what's going on,' and I couldn't turn off. I was frustrated they were not doing well, but to be fair to the strikers, there were very

one of their infrequent chances

of captivating a national audience with a series of

numbing displays, but he is

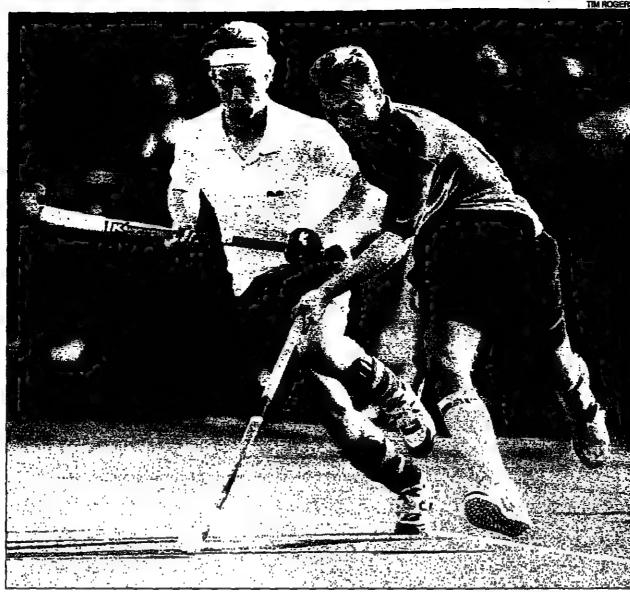
not that type. He vowed not to

Crutchley is still at a loss to know why he was not chosen. The coach. David Whitaker, did try to explain, but Crutchley was none the wiser at the end of it. "Put it this way, if you tried an adventurous pass and it didn't come off, you'd be sitting next to him on the bench five minutes later."

few chances created,"

Though Whitaker resigned before the Olympics, the die was cast. Crutchley did not fit the pattern. Suggest that it would be like leaving Alan Shearer out of the European football championship and, for an instant, the natural arrogance of the striker emerges. He has heard the analogy before. "Shearer had two other goalscorers on his shoulders, Ferdinand and Fowler. There is no one near

It has not helped his rehabilitation that, months later, fellow players, coaches and spectators still shake their heads in sympathy and disbelief. The Australians, who beat



Crutchley believes his sense of adventure on the pitch may have cost him his place in the Great Britain squad

Britain in the final qualifying match, could not believe their luck. In his one season for Camberra, Crutchley was the leading goalscorer in the Aus-

At 26, Crutchley is trying to look forward. He has been selected in the England training squad for the Golden Jubilee tournament in Karachi in March, the first step on the road to the Sydney Olympics. However, like so many talented athletes in Britain's twilight zone, his financial future is dependent on funds from the National Lottery. If he coaches four nights a

veek, he can make about £250, but England training at Lilleshall on Monday nights has restricted his earnings. He still lives at home, loses money to his sport every weekend and cannot afford to join his girlfriend's fitness club. "1 don't want money to fund my lifestyle," he said. "Just to play the game properly. We've got to start doing it properly because that's the only way we will win a medal next time."

With the offside law abolished at all levels of the game this season and goalscoring back in fashion, it is inconceivable that Crutchley will not play a leading role in the build-up to the next World Cup, in 1998, and the Olympics two years after. He could ecome the marketable face British hockey has been searching for since 1988. He has the looks and the character, but, as he discovered on Sunday, not even his goals can guarantee salvation. Despite his hat-trick, Cannock lost 4-3.



Crutchley and Johnson show off their awards yesterday

RUGBY LEAGUE

Goulding remains as deadline passes

By CHRISTOPHER INVINE

THERE was none of the scramble that in more prosperous times accompanied the Silk Cut Challenge Cup transfer deadline. It passed with the minimum of activity yesterday, and, as expected, brought no change of club for Bobbie Gonlding and Jestyn Harris. the unhappy Great Britain half backs.

Goulding withdrew from the Great Britain squad two days after he had agreed to replace Keiron Cunningham on the trip to Australia for the World Nines from January 31 to February 2. He claimed that he would not be able to concentrate on the event as he needed to resolve his problems at St Helens, where he has asked for a move. Tommy Martyn, his club colleague, has been called up in his place.

Andy Gregory, the Britain coach, was surprised by Goulding's withdrawal. "I only want players who want to pull on a Britain shirt," he

St Helens have received no offers for Goulding, who is dissatisfied with his contract. Saracens and Richmond have reportedly shown an interest, but any fee would be around £500,000 and be out of the reach of union clubs. The likelihood is that Goulding's differences can be overcome.

Warrington were involved in one of only three pieces of business before the deadline, though Harris, who has been on the transfer-list at £1.3: million for six months, remains stuck at Wilderspool. George Mann has now moved there from Leeds on loan as short-term cover at prop forward for the injured Mark Hilton, however.

Sheffield Eagles agreed a deal with Keighley to secure Nick Pinkney, the England centre, and Martin Wood, who are reunited with the coach, Phil Larder Wigan have registered Stuart Lester, the Auckland forward: in time for the Challenge Cup fourth round, on February 8 and 9.

ICE SKATING

Arrowsmith stumbles through as qualifier

FROM JOHN HENNESSY

JENNA ARROWSMITH, the British figure skating champion, at least fulfilled one ambition in the European championships at the Bercy Stadium here yesterday when she came through the women's qualifying competition. She came thirteenth in her group, two places above the fall of the guillotine.

It may seem hard to criticise someone of 16 doing her best, but one is led to believe that British women's skating has reached rock bottom. At least one would hope so — there is not much further to fall.

Arrowsmith achieved a nice triple toe loop and rounded off a double axel in combination with a double toe loop, but otherwise mediocrity abounded. She fell on her triple salchow, reduced another attempt to a single and finally made a ghastly attempt at another double

On this form she is unlikely to survive the short pro-gramme on Friday, from which 24 skaters qualify for the following day's free skat-ing. That unhappy fate befell her two years ago, when she was pitchforked into the big league before her time. She did not compete last year because of injury.

On a more meaningful international level, attention was centred on Surya Bonaly, of France, five times a European champion. A serious Achilles tendon injury last April has not fully healed and she was said to have won the French championship this season on one good leg, her left. Only on Saturday was it decided that she should skate

Over the years her reper-tolre of gymnastic jumps has been her salvation, but she was like a wounded bird yesterday. At her best she would complete seven triple jumps to offset her inferior skating technique, but there were only three, four if you allow her a dubious lutz.

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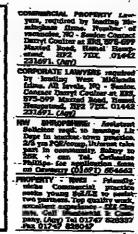
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Strikers dominate Fifa awards

Forward march puts logic in the background

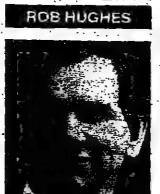
metal worker from Newcastle; the other is a boy from the backstreets of Rio de Janeiro whose mother sold pizzas to feed the family when his father, an alcoholic walked out in the boy's adolescence. Last night, however, Alan Shearer and Ronaldo Luis Nazario de Lima stood at the centre of the football world in the opulent setting of the Belem Cultural Centre in Lisbon. Goalscorers both, rated the best players on earth by 120 national team managers, they were brought together as Fifa, football's world governing body, sought the world player of the year. Imagine it: last summer

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Bobby Robson, becoming coach at Barcelona at the age of 63, had to make a choice between the two. Shearer, from Robson's home city, the archetypal English centre for-ward, had all the muscle, the self-belief, the leadership qualities that were part of Robson's upbringing. He was told three times that Shearer would not be leaving Blackburn Rovers, but he had already begun to sense that he could, for £13 million, prise Ronaldo away from PSV Eindhoven, and swears that he would have always chosen the Brazilian. over the Englishman, even an Englishman from Newcastle. As the pair, whose com-

bined salaries would feed a village and whose market value reached little short of £30 million last August, stood on the rostrum, you could see that Ronaldo, exactly 6ft, just shaded Shearer in height. They both weigh in at around 12's stone, and, covered as they are on a football pitch, it almost makes one tremble to think that each has had a serious knee operation, demonstrating again just how tenuous life is at the top of

Last weekend, as Shearer was settling down to life under Kenny Dalglish again, Ronaldo was doing what he seems to do every single week. His owi soo goals down in the southern Spanish city of Seville, both scored within a minute by



Overseas view

Robert Jarni, the Croatian left back of Real Betis. Amid the riposte, in which Luis Enrique scored three headed goals for Barcelona, the 20-year-old Ronaldo struck a shot from 25 yards that rose off his foot like a bullet and soared high into the roof of the net, a shot of vision and venom and instinct.

It was not, by any means, the best Ronaldo has scored. As a 16-year-old at Cruzeiro, in Belo Horizonte, he scored 54 times in 54 games, for a remuneration of just over £1,000. At 17, receiving £245,000 more, he scored a goal a game for Eindhoven. Since his elevation to Barcelona he has scored 15 goals in 20 games, more than any other striker in Spain, and some of them have been breathtaking examples of a growing man's force; an amalgam of balance. speed, resilience and great-

Ome observers are putting him, perhaps prematurely, on a pedestal with Pele, with Cruyff, with Maradona. It may be unfair, because Pele was a World Cup winner at 17 and retired after 1,000 first-class goals, Cruyff won the European Cup three times and captained Holland to the 1974 World Cup final, and Maradona captained Argentina to victory in the World Cup in 1986 and to the final

four years later So, as Cruyff himself observes, it would be better to praise Ronaldo's youth, rather

completeness. He lives, this quiet young man, in a beachside house near Barcelona with his mother, Sonia, and girlfriend, Adeli. From his background, he has the sense to shun alcohol, and from the example of Maradona, he

speaks against drugs.

An example, we all hope, for the young. No one knew, until the unveiling ceremony last night, whether George Weah, the third contender for Fifa's most important individual award, would attend. The Liberian won the award last year and has this season scored, against Verona, the most spectacular solo goal ! have ever witnessed.

Though Fifa chose Weah for its annual Fair Play trophy, he had considerable foreboding about enter-ing Portugal. It was there, after playing for AC Milan against Porto in November. that he head-butted Jorge Costa, the Porto defender, breaking the player's nose. The incident earned Weah a sixthmatch bun and raised questions in all but Fife's minds about the merit of his elevation as an example of correctness. Moreover, as lawyers tried

in deliberate whether he would be arrested if he reentered Portugal, Fifa tried to make the best of a bad decision. It insisted that Weah's acknowledgement was for ten years of sportsmanship, and stuck to the unproven - line that Weah had reacted out of character to racist slurs.

One wonders, about the choice of all three -Ronaldo, Shearer, Weah. They are strikers of renown, and it is as if the world's coaches are voting as mere fans, or as managers who covet goalscorers. Glenn Hoddle, the England coach, voted for the three in that order. My own choice for 1996

would have been the man whom Craig Brown, the Scotland manager, had selected: our survival. Matthias Sammer, The finest player in the European championship was, however,

Gradi happy on wrong side of tracks

David Maddock stops

off at Crewe to meet the manager building a

platform for success

The minibus swings through a precise are into the car park, chilled footballers huddled against glass dripping with condensa-tion inside. The driver rolls down his smeared window to offer a muffled greeting. "Wel-come to Crewe," he gasps, his voice rasping with the taste of a freezing morning.

Welcome to Crewe, indeed. It is hard to discern through the winter layers that hide his worn features, but the man who steers the team coach to training, and to matches, is Dario Gradi, manager of Crewe Alexandra, survivor.

Gradi is the longest serving manager in English professional football, somehow holding down for almost 14 years a iob so difficult that in the same time-snan before his appointment, no fewer than ten managers had come and gone



trance dubbed the "revolving

Against the odds, Gradi has ransformed little Alex from the butt of variety-hall jokes about perennial re-election four times in the 1970s alone into a modern-day miracle of survival. And they are some odds, longer even than those offered against Crewe, of the Nationwide League second division, bearing Wimbledon, of the FA Carling Premiership, in their FA Cup third-round replay tonight. Football has embraced Thatcherism, when the rest of the world has left it behind, and that has created a climate of despair in the lower

It is something of which Gradi is acutely aware. "At Crewe, I know we are secure for the next ten years or more here, because of the kids we have already got coming through," he said. "We have enough decent players on the hooks now, at ten, 11 and 12. years old, that will gurantee

Rut we are the exception in the lower leagues. There are clubs, lots of them, without youth policies and, because of



Bosman, they don't want to create them. I fear for those clubs, because there is no other way of getting the money to survive at this level. I can't see how they can survive, and that will mean the collapse of the lower divisions."

It is against this background that Gradi must be judged. David Plan, Rob Jones and Geoff Thomas are the renowned products of Gradi's famous youth policy, but there is more; practically a whole eam, in fact, plying its trade in the top flight after graduating from the Doc's (as he is known) school of science. Mike Newell, Ian Bishop, Craig Hignett, Neil Lennon, Pemberton, Ashley Ward, Wayne Collins, Peter Billing, Paul Edwards, Maurice Dovle - all have left Crewe for the Premiership.

With such a record, why has spotters been plucked from the relative obscurity of Gresty Road? There are three reasons, two positive, one horri-bly negative. First, Gradi has been the victim of a victous whispering campaign so inaccurate that it does not deserve to be repeated. Yet it has still, possibly, worked against him.

Secondly, Gradi is happy nurturing the young footballers he constantly discovers. "It does give me great satisfac-

tion, spotting something, any-

thing, in a footballer, bringing

it out and seeing him go on upwards," he said. "The thrill

Thirdly, and probably most important, he has yet to be

offered a greater challenge.

There have been plenty of

from the Saudi national team.

and from Stoke City and

Manchester City. None at the

is finding it."

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

time sufficiently roused his ambition. "People question my ambition, being here with Crewe, but what is ambition?" he asked. "It is difficult to define but, if it is about challenge, then surely it is as big a challenge to keep Crewe afloat on no money and take them up the divisions as we have done, than to go to a big

club and keep thent in the

"I see myself, even now,

going to another club. I

haven't ruled it out. But in my

50s, it would have to be the

right job. I see myself as

something of a troubleshooter,

going into a place, sorting it

have fancied the Manchester

City job recently, but I suppose

Premiership.

'We have enough decent young

players to guarantee our survival'

I'm happy, or that I would need too long because of my record of bringing on young players."

He could probably have the Wimbledon job again, should Joe Kinnear, their present manager, ever decide to move on. Gradi. of course, was manager during their first season in the Football League. and even now Sam Hammam, the owner, admits the club owes him a great debt. He has put a case of champagne on ice for the replay in case Crewe should win, explaining: "Wimbledon wouldn't be here today without Dario - I want to

celebrate his talent." Gradi would settle for the win to ensure a lucrative visit to Manchester United in the fourth round. "It would mean we don't have to sell a player for another season," he said. "The fact is, that we've had our smaller clubs don't get a second chance. Then again. chairmen look at me and think you never know."

THE world champion, Tommi Makinen, of Finland, and his rival, Carlos Sainz, were involved in a duel on slippery roads in the Monte Carlo raily yesterday, with the Spanish driver leading by a meagre four seconds after three timed stages.

Freddy Loix, of Belgium, in his Toyota Celica, stole the show on Sunday by winning the first timed stage using a part of the Monaco Grand Prix circuit, but Makinen and Sainz took charge in the first two sections in the Ardeche mountains yesterday.

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Colin McRae, the 1995 world champion from Britain, was two seconds slower as he set the second fastest time in the second section in his Mitsubishi Lancer. Sainz. twice a Monte Carlo winner, had to be content with the third time, a further two

to celebrate

SPORT IN BRIEF

seconds back. With three stages remaining on the second day. Sainz was four seconds ahead of Makinen in the overall standings, with McRae third, 23 seconds behind the leader.

Athletics: Iulia Negura, the European women's cross-country champion, has failed an International Amateur Athletic Pederation drugs test, the Romanian Athletics Federation (FRA) announced yesterday. The substance was stanozolol, a derivative of testosterone, a FRA statement said, adding that an investigation commission will examine the

Dick Palmer is to relinquish his position as general secretary of the British Olympic Association (BOA) after 20 years to concentrate on the BOA's bid to establish a British Academy of Sport.

Cricket: Sussex have signed the leg spinner, Amer Khan, who was released by Middlesex at his own request at the end of last season. The county has also offered terms to Martin Thursfield, the former Hampshire and Middlesex fast

Badminton: Joanne Goode, co-holder of the national women's doubles title, is planning to take part in the national championships starting next week even though she will be nearly four months pregnant

BOXING

Calzaghe battles to impress

JOE CALZAGHE, the exciting young Welsh super-mid-dleweight, will be intent on making a big impression in his first contest for Frank

believed that Warren could get him a world title more quickly. With Warren control-ling the super-middleweight division — the promoter has contracts with Robin Reid, the World Boxing Council champion and Steve Collins, who holds the World Boxing Organisation title, and close ties with Frankie Liles, the World

Caizaghe's opponent tobut he has lost 22 of them.

IMPs Dealer East North-South game +1087 ₹K83 +AJ106 +035 · N **4A62** 494 7QJ10962 **VA74**

A few weeks ago I wrote up the following hand:

+99842 +5 \$ ♠KJ72 +86 4KQJ53 7.5 ♦K73

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

+A1084 Contract: Four Scades by South, Lead; ace of heart

I wrote about the play in Four Spades. West led the ace of hearts (his partner had opened a weak two in the suit) and, I said, "accurately switched to a diamond". Dummy's ten won the trick. Declarer played a trump and West won and gave his partner a diamond ruff. I commended declarer for playing the king to this trick. East played a second heart. Now declarer cashed his trumps and diamonds, taking the marked finesse. In the end position East was squeezed between hearts and clubs.

Well played. That sage of the North West, John Armstrong, has pointed out the flaw in my analysis. It looks rather more normal for West to switch to a club at trick two and, of course, this defeats the contract easily enough. If declarer ducks East's jack, East can switch to his singleton diamond; whereas if declarer does not duck the jack of clubs West can get a club ruff when he is in with the ace of trumps.

The second round of the Macallan Camrose Trophy. the home international tournament was played over the weekend. England beat Northern Ireland in Bellast, by 49 Victory Points to 41: Scotland beat Wales in Cardiff, by 53 VPs to 37.

The Cap Gemini Invitation Pairs, a Dutch international tournament along the same lines as the Macallan International Pairs, was won by G Chagas and P Branco of Brazil. They are furmer world champions. The Italian pair Buratti and Lanzarotti were second. Results from the Swiss

Teams Congress in Leeds were as follows: B Cornelius, Paul, Jason and Justin Hackett won the teams with 195 VPs, a point ahead of the second-placed four. J and J Fogg won the pairs.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

FENAGE a. A kind of treason b. Feudal right to cut wood

GNATRO a. A sucker-up or toady b. A philosopher

c. A "wisdom" tooth

GAYAL a. A rent boy b. A dialect of Undu c. An ux

FLAUTANDO

b. Fiddle flutelike

a. To flaut and query

c. A pass at the bull-fight

Auswers on page 50

KEENE on CHESS

By RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Wijk aan Zee

Britain's Nigel Short got off to a poor start in the international tournament in Wijk aan Zee, Holland. Short lost with the white pieces to A. Onischuk.

All the king's men

The news yesterday that the possessions of King Henry VIII included

One sett of chessemen of woode in a box of wood foure

of theym being brokin

indicates that someone, at least, at the royal court of the king, was actually playing the game. Chess had been played for

around one thousand years

before the Tudor period, but the version used most often was an older Arabic type, in which the queen and bishop lacked their modern powers and castling was not possible. In 1475, 22 years after the fall of Constantinople, the last bastion of the Roman Empire, taken by invading Ottoman Turks, the modern form of chess was introduced. With new powers for the queen and bishop this much laster version of the game quickly swept

The new and faster type of chess came at the same time as the growing vision of the universe as heliocentric, perspective in art, transatlantic travel, the introduction of cannons in warfare and an entirely new attitude towards speed

Europe and extinguished the

old variety.

and distance. The new type of chess was at the same time symbolic of and part of all this. The following game, the first ever recorded of the new type of chess, was played two

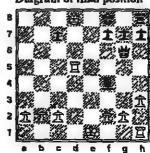
White: Francesco di Castellvi Black: Narciso Vinoles

years after King Henry was

Catalonia, circa 1493 Centre Counter Defence

Oxd5 Od8 Ne3 NI6 Bg4 Bas NI3

e6 Nbd7 Cxb7 No.c8 No.c6 No.c5 No.c7 exc15 Bol6 One Og6 Bol4 0.1 18 Rzd5 19 B14 20 Cred7+ 21 Dd8 Kt8 checkmate Diagram of final position



☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. From the game Shirov - Gelfand, Greece 1993. In this volatile position, White is a rook down and his queen is threatened. However. he has a strong attack himself with his own threat against the black queen. How did he

make the most of this? Solution on page 50



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Down, 1 Guscott, 2 Sunday Grees, 3, Open, 4 Gallery, 5 Emai (Igstack, 7, Actus, 8, Charles, 10, Davis; 11, Limpean fina, 12 Leader, 13, Peror Shitor, 18, Amiton, 19 Serie ace; 20, Societies 25 Chip shits, 28, Amotof Parier, 30, Limbsener, 31, Yugoslavian, 12 Dopen, 33, Nation, 31, Yugoslavian, 12 Dopen, 33, Nation, 31, Yugoslavian, 12 Dopen, 33, Nation, 31, Yugoslavian, 12 Dopen, 34, Pransippe, 47, Nation Pousi, 33, Fron, 44, Poundage, 47, Nation Pousi, 35, Paus for a draw, 59, Ness, 20, Allies Ghaon, 61, Hany Besselt, 62, Pressure, 67, Kanding, 71, Lines, 13, Champion, 13, Spices, 77, America, 79, Rabings, 90, Adjust, 82, Frod, 83, Nation, 86, Hall.

CROSSWORD Merseyside FA Cup Third round reader set

Third-round repay Windedon v Crews (7.45)

Com-Cola City Quester-firms bounds v Lacester (7 45) ... WILLIAM EDGAR, of Irby. Merseyside, is the winner of Nestormide Langua Second division Second v Bristol Rovers (7 45) Bury v Strewsbury (7.45) The Times Jumbo Sports Crossword and will receive a Methuselab of Moet & Third division Chandon champagne worth Cambridge Utd v Einter (7 45) Layton Orlent v Wigen (7.45) Mansfield v Doncaster (7.45) £250. The six runners-up -Christopher Anderson, of Aug Windscreen Shield London SWI5, Mrs P John-Second round son, of Doncaster, Mr P O'Ferrall, of Godalming, Cartiste v Hult (7.45) ... York v Preston (7.45) Surrey, P Davies, of Newport, South Wales, Mr N Ford, of Burton-on-Trent, and Pat Murray, of Co Limerick, Ireland — win copies of Dark Trade - Lost In Boxing, by Donald McRae, which was voted the 1996 sports book of Second division

SOLUTIONS: Across: 1, Cascolgne, 8, Blanco 9, Edge to sip, 14, Sundarland. 15, Tron 16, Overs; 17, Hart, 21, Overs; 17, Hart, 21, Overs; 22, Péders 23, Sanders 24, Clear, 25, Torch 7, Orbited 29, Vallanks; 35, Layoff, 36, Square, 38, Sanders, 38, Layoff, 36, Square, 38, Sanders, 38, Layoff, 36, Square, 38, Sanders, 38, Layoff, 36, Square, 48, Ele; 49 Fty, 53, Oue; 54, Spot. 56, Nr. 57, Nage; 59, Nanov, 62, Lato; 53, Lago; ao, 55, Sanders, 59, Hottan, 67, Febounds, 76, Hits lob 78, Edger 81, Hodger 69, Square, 89, Gabbs; 90, Decication 91, Nationande, 92, Andrews 93, Tambres

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DR MARTENS LEAGUE: Premier division:
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UMBOND LEAGUE Premier division: Bradford Pr. Ave v Farsley Ceite. Uniffilia first chuision Cup: Second-round replay: Great Harwood v Netherfield. Third round: Radditle v Lincoln United. FA CARLSBERG VASE: Fourth-round replays: N Femby v Standard (7 45): Whotstelle Town v Concord Rangero (7 45): ALMBRO TROPHY: First-round replays: Altmoham v Greatly (7 45): Dorchester VSough (7 45): Hatestowen v Southport (7 45): Hatestowen v Swetnee Ist Chuislion: Crystal Palena v Swetnee Ist Church Leng 2 (1): Malwest v Wireplesion

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Everyon (7.0). Flast divisions: Aston Villa v
Port Vals (at Weisball FC, 7.0). Second
divisions Geversby v Rotherham (7.0). Second
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GILBERT LEAGUE OF WALES: Cope
Cusarter-linel, first legs Barry v Inter CableTel, Lianstantizad v Caremarton (7.45).
Newtown v Ton Perter: Rhyl v Bangor Cay.
FAI HARP LAACEN MINTONAL LEAGUE
Premier division: SI Petrick's Aith v
Shelbourne (7.45).
IRBSH LEAGUE: Coce-Colle Ploodit. Cupt.
Frist round, first legs Omegh v Portaction.
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ons: Herm Bey v Genevatich, Ramegate
Thamsemend, Turbitidge Wells v Cray.
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division: Sentisticile v Tauriton.
LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: Premier
division: Welthern Abbey v St.
Mangeretsbury Sentior Cupt. Group D:
Brinsdown v Isington Si Mary S.
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End v Vauchail G M.
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division: Blackpool Rovers v Burscough,
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Transmere Third-round replay: Blackburt v. Schools. MATCHES: FA Premier League Trophy: Under-te: Derbysthie v. Moltingharrshire let Altrator FC. 7 15: ESFA Goodyean under-16 Trophy: Thomas Hepburn, Durhant v. Whotshaven, Cumbon 1:30). ESFA Spickers under-15 Trophy: Northgete HS, Sulfolk v. Sprousson HS, Northal. († 15): Long Abad SFC. Cambridgeshira v. Palmers College, Essex. ESFA Girts under-16 Vinto Trophy: Gordano, Somerset v. Miburits Bay, Cammal († 20).

OTHER SPORT

SASKETBALL: European Cup: Pirst round, second leg: Antodor Suestov (Plass) (75) v London Toners (70). TUP Trephy: Clearler films, second leg: Chester (90) v Thamse Valley (95) (9.0), SOMAS: World indoor championships (in Prepara).

Warren, his new promoter, at Whitchurch Leisure Centre, Bristol, tonight (Srikumar Sen writes) Calzaghe left Mickey Duff in November despite having a year of his contract to run. Even though Duff took him to an unbearen record of 19 contests, of which he won 18 inside the distance, Calzaghe

Boxing Association champion Calzaghe should not have to wait long.

night is expected to be Carlos Christie of Birmingham a late substitute. José Antonio Bayon, of Spain, the first choice, cried off at the last moment. Christie is more experienced than the Spaniard, having had 36 contests. Although he is the Midland

area champion, he is unlikely

to last more than four rounds.

Wasim in

charge as

Pakistan

hurry

to victory

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

PAKISTAN won the World

Series Cup, the triangular

limited overs competition, for

the first time in six attempts

after a 62-run victory in the

second match of the best-of-

three final in Melbourne yes-

terday. They made a modest 165 in 48.3 overs but dis-

patched West Indies for 103 in 40.3 overs.

arrived in Australia that we

are the best team in the

world," Wasim Akram, the Pakistan captain, said. We

have won the competition and

we have got a young team that is very talented." Not even a

power failure that left the

stadium in darkness for 24

minutes, and also affected the

Australian Open tennis-tour-

nament at neighbouring Mel-bourne Park, could distract

Wasim, despite being re-stricted by injury, generated pace, bounce and movement

to dismiss Sherwin Campbell,

Shivnarine Chanderpaul and

Carl Hooper, taking three for

17. "I pulled my hamstring in my second or third over and I

was just about to come off.

scored 45 to bolster the middle

order, and Mohammad Wasim hit 41 in the final

Wager Yourle b Ambrose Shafid Nazir not out Edges (b 5, lo 12, w 4)

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FALL OF WOKETS: 1-3, 2-3, 3-61, 4-51, 5-52, 6-41, 7-42, 3-65, 9-60.

BOWLING: Visuam Alaum 7-2-17-3, Visuam Youris 6-51-17-2; Shahid Nezzi 10-3-14-3, Saphin Mustriag; 10-0-26-1; Shahid Airid 7-0-21-1.

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Total (40.5 overs) ...

Total (48.3 overs)

Washin and his team.

"We told everyone when we

Hostile Gough eases England's fears

From Alan Lee, cricket correspondent, in Hamilton

HAMILTON (third day of four): England XI beat Northern Districts by ten wickets

MICHAEL ATHERTON suspected that Zimbabwe would provide the tougher leg of England's winter tour and, thus far. he has no cause to alter his opinion. The serious business in New Zealand may not begin for three more days. but at least England have no egg on their faces before the Test series has even begun.

The ten-wicket win over Northern Districts yesterday, completed with more than four sessions to spare, was as emphatic as the victory in Palmerston North last week, it is all a world away from the indignities suffered so recently, but the captain has no truck

surprise.
"It doesn't surprise us."
Atherton said, stressing the last word, "Other people might be surprised if they believe everything they have sure anyone does. We came here confident in our ability and I am delighted with the way we have started. We haven't had a bad session yet."

He was not quite right there. Sunday evening, when Dominic Cork took his painful leave from Seddon Park, was a session of anxiety and deflation, for Cork had sustained a back injury serious enough to put all Test-match plans on

Last night, Cork was trying manfully to remain positive about his prospects of playing in Auckland on Friday, but it was an optimism shared by few. "I've never had a problem with my back before and. hopefully, within a couple of days it will go away." he said, with the intensity of someone trying to banish a nightmare.

There are no plans for Cork to consult a specialist and he was due to make the 70-mile journey north to Auckland early today with the rest of the

will attempt to practise tomorrow at Eden Park, but if he is running in with the new ball on Friday, it will rank among the most remarkable of sporting recoveries.

Cork admits that he would like to take the balls and the pitch used here around with him, such was the assistance he received from both. Pitch conditions throughout New Zealand would be in his favour, however, as would the Kookaburra balls, with their propensity for generous swing. This is the measure of England's potential loss and reason why Darren Gough's superb spell at the start of play yesterday was

"We needed a good spell early on," Atherton agreed. and he did not just mean in order to break a stubborn partnership. The need was as much for reassurance that bowlers other than Cork are capable of slicing the cream from New Zealand's batting orders. Gough abliged, bowlwith hostility, subtle changes of pace and effective control of swing. "He was tremendous," Atherton said. Gough struck with his

such a tonic.

SCOREBOARD

NORTHERN DISTRICTS: First liming

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-99, 3-114, 4-156, 5-164, 6-171, 7-212, 8-243, 5-265 BOWLING, Cork 9-3-23-1; Mustally 22-4-7-5-24; Write 17-3-61-2; Corl 23-5-63-0; Gough 19-5-61-3; Thorpe 1-0-3-0

ENGLAND XI: First Immgs 294 (G P Thorpe 71. J P Crowley 85; AR 7at 5 for 96, 5 B Styrm 4 for 110) N V Knight not out

BOWLING Styres 1-0-10-0; Bernsett 4-1-17-0; Tall 3 1-1-11-0

fourth ball of a gloriously blue morning. Bell offering no stroke to a delivery that cut back to hit his off stump. By the time he rested, after seven overs in which only three scoring strokes were played, he had also dislodged the obdurate Pocock and convinced everyone except umpire Cowie that Bailey should be added to the victims.

Bailey stood and survived after deflecting a quick, lifting ball with what looked and sounded like the bat handle. Cowie redeemed himself in the eyes of the rampant Gough by adjudging Pocock leg-before for 69. "I felt good today," Gough said, "much better than in the first innings. when I struggled for rhythm after two weeks without a

Despite some theatrical appealing from wicketkeeper and slips, Bailey went on to make 26 before Mulially had him caught at first slip. This was a rare ball slanted across the right-handers by Mulfally, who, having struggled to bow an inswinger for England all last summer, now seems able to bowl little else. His performance vesterday, however. was highly creditable, not least because he was carrying

the after-effects of a flu virus Before lunch, the Hart brothers were also dismissed. but England had still not quite seen off the resistance. Michael Parlane, whose two firstclass innings this season before this game had both produced centuries, made a gallant attempt to complete a third before being last out for 74. by which time Northern Districts had crept into a lead

Parlane batted with the composure of a man in form and the pitch's behaviour bore no resemblance to its devils on the opening day, but there was a slight concern for England in the number of inappropriate short balls bowled by White, who may well have the role of third seamer on Friday. The target, small though it

was, at least gave Atherton the



opportunity of another innings and he did not waste it. While Knight dominated the strike and the scoring, Atherton played three back-foot strokes from another, more productive, time in his career.

liked to have gone on but, instead, he stayed behind for an early-evening net on the match pitch and insisted that the result was far more important than any minor anxieties of his own. David Lloyd, the coach, had spent the day in

Auckland, watching the New Zealand squad play a warni-up game, but he will have been cheered by almost all the events back in Hamilton. Perhaps, being an incurable opti-

King helps Allcock adjust to new life after Bryant

BY DAVID RHYS JONES

THE world indoor championships, which got under way at the Preston Guild Hall yesterday, has a new sponsor and a new green carpet, last year's having been mysteriously mislaid. For Tony Allcock, there was also a new set of woods and, in Mervyn King, an almost-new partner. How-ever, the changes hardly trou-bled the six-times champion in

the pairs event.
Alicock's usual artillery failed the pre-tournament test because they ran too straight on the portable rink. How-ever, he had decided to use an alternative set, which swing

more, in any case.

Last week, in the Welsh

Masters singles at Llanelli, his
relatively lightly biased set
had found every irregularity in the rink, and a practice session yesterday revealed that the new carpet is slower than last year's, and less

"I was pleased with the woods and, most of all, with my partner," Allcock said, after he and King had defeated Kevin Schischka and Rowan Brassey, a strong New Zealand pair, 4-7, 7-0, 2-7, 7-1, 7-3. King might have been ex-

when I got two wickets in one over," he said. "At times, it was very painful." Shahid Nazir, another fast cused a nervous start at this Saga-sponsored event. He had bowler, brought into the side to replace Mushtaq Ahmed, been chosen, not by Allcock, but by the World Indoor the leg spinner, also exploited Bowls Council, to replace the a lively pitch to take three for 14 from his ten overs. formidable David Bryant, who partnered Allcock in all 11 West Indies were 42 for previous world indoor pairs championships, and helped him to win six of them.

seven at one stage and only some lusty blows by Curtly However, boosted by the win in the Irish Masters last Ambrose saved his side from eater embarrassment. week, the English pair sur-vived an unpromising start, The West Indies fast bowlers had earlier posed came through strongly, and by the end looked likely to their own problems, Courtney Walsh, the captain, Ambrose and Cameron Cully sharing six wickets. Ijaz Ahmed

make a strong bid for the title. "We were both under pressure." Allcock said. "Mervyn was under special scrutiny. because he is replacing David. Also, after our win in Ireland, we were aware that people were expecting us to do well and that, too, can make life

Other curiosities on day one included the first win for a Channel Islands pair since the event began in 1985, and the unlikely pairing of Tony Tong. the Hong Kong champion, with Steve Wojcik, a Canadian qualifier.

Adrian Welch, of Guernsey, led consistently for David Le Marquand, of Jersey, as they renewed a partnership struck up in the 1995 Hong Kong Classic. They were clearly more at home on carpet than their opponents — Neil Burkett, of South Africa, and Jeff Rabkin, from Israel who rarely, if ever, play

indoors. Tong and Wojcik opened confidently, winning the first set 7-2 against Steve Rees and John Price. They also led 4-0 in the second before the Welsh pair took control, scoring 17 shots without reply on their way to a 2-7, 7-4, 7-0, 7-2 victory.

India able to draw the greater satisfaction

FROM JOHN WOODCOCK

JOHANNESBURG (final day

INDIA had to be content with a moral victory in the third Test match here yesterday. First an electric storm deprived them of (7 overs and then bad light prevented them from using their two fastest bowlers. When, eventually, with four overs remaining, the umpires decided it was too Stygian to continue, South Africa were 228 for eight, their target of 356 having long been

an academic detail. in a sense, therefore, the day was an anticlimax, although at any time during the last three hours India could have consummated their advantage. They made a tremendous start by reducing South Africa to 76 for five in the first 90 minutes. The heavens then

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

MOBILE, Alabama: College Sowt, North 36 South 14

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA) Oriento 95 Marri 87, Houston 102 Cheago 36, Indiana 111 Priladelphia 107; Vancouver 100 Toronto 32 Ceveland 107 LA Cappors 102 (OT) Forland 102 Utah 96.

opened and, thereafter, much Africa were 95 for seven with of the remaining batsmen. likely to last for long. In the event, these two added i27 for the eighth wicket and stayed together until only a possible

9.4 overs were left. Cullinan registered his third Test hundred, which will have eased his concern at having played an unhappy part in the running-out of his captain. Cronje, and Klusener showed that he is more than just a rugged hitter.

On and off during this match-saving partnership. Tendulkar was obliged to bowl his off breaks, interspersed with the occasional leg break, with Kumble at the other end. The umpires had effectively issued an ultimaturn that, if he put Srinath and Prasad into the breach when it was at its darkest, play would

POOTBALL

Sunday's late results ITALIAN LEAGUE: Juventus 2 Lazos 0 SPANSH LEAGUE: Real Bays 2 Ganopho

US CAP. Moroco 2 United States 0: Derman's Prout I for Pasaderal FA UMBRIO TROPHY: Second-round draw: Bishop Auchland v Northwich Visiona Byth Spartnar or Grantiam Town v Hybridge Swifts Dagerham and Redibings of Charlastod Chy, St Albans Cety v Wolang, Glouester City v Hahlar Town Action United v Banber Bridge Borduan Wood v Bath City or Stevensge Bordugh: Bradford Park, Ascrue v Morecambe Borongove Rovers v Hyde United V Welling United v Gustoley, Fambronugh Town v Gersley Rovert or Almontain, Collym Bay v Southport or Halesowen Town, Yeout Yown or Haytes v Runcom, Kidderminster Hamers v Emery, Salesbury City v Stough Town or Oorchester Town, St Loonards Stomcroff v Ludwich Humbet.

GOLF

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Ties to be played February 8

day for Messrs Mitchley and necessarily stuffy when not tion after the cloudburst.

India had had to wait until only the fourth ball of the day before taking their first wicket. Sparring at a short one from Prasad. Kirsten was nicely caught at third slip. Bacher was next to go, bowled off his pad, playing no stroke at

SOUTH AFRICA: First trinings 321 (S Polack 79, J Smath 5 for 104) Second Innings

FOR THE RECORD

Nest 75, 69, 74, 72.

LANE BLENA VISTA, Flonde: Health-South Inaugural fournement: Leading final scores (LS unless states) 207; M McGarri 65, 72, 69 (North & Shall Slayeth hole) M Wicks (March 38, 70, 69, 211; B Duniol 69, 72, 70, 213; J Gerctis 72, 72, 69, 214, 8 Mucha 69, 73, 73, J Mortey (28) 68, 72, 74, 215; O Pepper 72, 72, 71; N Lopez 74, 69, 72, Other scores, 218; L Daviss (CB) 71, 74, 73, 221; S Perce (CB) 73, 74, 74, 225; P Vingta (CB) 76, 75, 74

74 225 P Vingt (GG) 76 75, 74
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211: G Morgan 72, 99 76, 212; P Chrafes
(NC) 74, 69, 69 Other scores: 215; G
Marsh (Apr.) 71, 72, 99, 216; R Figs; 77, 72,
67, 218; J Nicklanz 78, 72, 66, 224; L
Trevng 79, 73, 72

HOCKEY

MEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE

Cronje was then run out by yards through being unable to interpret Cullinan's intentions and, after the first clap of Africans will be nothing like thunder, at around noon. Mc- as sure now as they were a Milian was caught at short leg off bat and pad. Yet it was, as it remained to the end, an excellent pitch for batting.

South Africa had time between 12.05 and 3.15, when there was no play, not only to consider their immediate plight but also to dwell upon the need for an overall im-

JOHANNESBURG SCOREBOARD

Total (8 what) 228
FALL OF WICKETS 1-4, 2-4, 3-49, 4-71, 5-76, 6-78, 7-95, 8-222

Unicires: C.J Mitchey (South Africe) and F Wiley (England)

BOWEING Smeth 24-6-80-2; Praced 15-1-59-2; Kumble 23-7-40-3; Gamesh 2-0-8-0; Terchalium 2-0-18-0; Gampuly 2-2-0-0 South Altica with senes 2-0 Man of the match: A S Doubld Man of the sens: A A Donald

uncertainty of it all, the odds short Test series. The South still strongly favoured indis: However, the umpires kept conferring and sending for an week ago that they have the side to beat Australia. extraordinary light meter that looked like a mechanical toy India deserved to win the when it was placed on the Test match vesterday because oitch. Klusener kept pushing

provement with the Austra-lians due in three weeks for a spinner's wicket. In spite of the

they played the better cricket. With the exception of Cuilinan, South Africa's early. batting lacks both form and distinction and their bowling is relying heavily on Donald for inspiration. Like Australia. they have two or three young players out of the side at the moment who are better than

When, at last, the umpires thought it was time to be playing again, it was an-nounced that, in theory anyway, there could be another 45 overs. Almost immediately Pollock had his off stump removed by Srinath and, 25 minutes after that, Richardson was caught low down at slip

SNOOKER

DIAMOND CENTRE, Inhingbarough: Dr Martens Europeen League (England un-less stated): J Higgins (Soot) dew with R O'Sulfivan 4-4; S Hendry (Soot) bt S Dawie

SPEED SKATING

MALMO: European short-track champion-shipe: More 1,000m; 1 F Carts (6) Tunn 40 B96sec, 2, N Grooch (68) 141 112; 3, M Vullermin (f) 141,188 1,500m; 1, M Vullermin (f) 2min 33,215sec; 2, M Johansson (Swe) 233 2, 8 Luscos (Fi) 233 440. Final overall positions (after four races): 1, Carts 13pts, 2, Vullermin, 12, Luscos 7, 4, Gooch 6, 5,000m relay: 1, Carts 19min 7,15 450; 2, Holland 7,110,119; 3, Raly 7,25,008. Women; 1,000m; 1, M Cancini (f) 1,38,55; 2, E Tideman (Russ) 1,38 797; 3, E Wegers (Hold 1,39,241 3,000m; 1, Carts (1) 53,5987; 2, Wegers, 5,57,281; 3, K Colum (f) 537,555 Final overall positions (editor four races): 1,

consent, o, n vorum (g. 53/200 Final coveral positions (edited four rapes): 1, Canclini Spts, 2, Wegers 11; 3, Titherium 9; 4, J. Radamore (bul) 5, 9,000m celler; 1, Ray 421,565; 2, Bulgaria: 422,277; 3, Passa 434,648

dreds in his 43 Test imings. He went to his hundred off a lobbed long hop from Tendulkar. Saurav Ganguly, the India batsman, and Pankaj Dharmani, a substitute fielder, are

successfully forward and Cullinan kept playing such

fine strokes as to make it hard

to account for him not having

scored more than three hun-

facing charges of bringing the game into disrepute for trying to intimidate Peter Willey, the umpire, after an against Adam Bacher was turned down. Barry Jarman, the match referee, will announce his decision today.

Licase THUNDERER

1.20 Rawl. 1.50 Persian Conquest, 2.20 Master-stroke. 2.50 Quiet Arch. 3.20 Chaselown Flyer. 3.50 stroke, 2.50 Quiet Arch, 3.20 Char General Haven, 4.20 Parither.

GOING: STANDARD DRAW: 6F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

1.20 HUNGERFORD APPRENTICES HANDICAP (Div I: 52,078: 71) (11 runners)

9 09-5 ALISTAR'S DARICER 17 T Noughbox 4-8-4 Debugger (5) 2 0 09-5 ALISTAR'S DARICER 17 T Noughbox 4-8-4 P Fensor (5) 2 09-5 MADDINA DA RIGES 12 M DOUG 4-8-4 P Energy (5) 10 7 09-0 DESTRUIT DANASTY? (6,6,5) 8 Pensor 7-7-73 A Day (7) 11 0 000- AUSTRARD PARASTY? (6,6,5) 4 Relign 7-7-72 R Bristard (7) 7 00-0 MAD 40,2 12 19 M Pages 4-7-10 0 Nobel 4 10 0-30 SERVERSE ILLISTAR 6 19 John Dany (-1-7) D Williams (7) 1 1 08-0 DA GEORGY 17 (5,6,5) C Dayer 6-7-10 N Verlag 6 2 Resistant, 7-2 Read Flackbox. 5-2 Bacamon, 7-2 Room, Bushing Georgeler, 9-2 Myrany Marking, 7-1 Alle County, 14-1 Madusian Dr Room, 12-1 albest.

1.50 WESTMUNSTER CLAIMING STAKES

2-1 Galapino, 11-4 Petrian Companii, 3-1 English bander, 5-7 Zakid, 16-1 Topop. 20-1 Bali Rogini

2.20 VAUXHALL SELLING STAKES (3-Y-O: E2,116: 1m) (6)

18-11 Masterstein, 19-4 Rome, 7-1 As-Is, 18-1 Maste Margold, 16-1 Olic Karlo. 58-1 Olicy Boy.

TRANSPRS: M. Johnston, 44 whenes here 263 numers, 16.7%; B. Jones, 5 horn 33, 15.2%; P. Wateryn, 11 kmm 75, 14.7%; S. Williams, 6 horn 42, 14.3%, R. Abstrast, 30 horn 212, 14.2%; Miss & Kallamy, 19 horn 140, 13.6%.

2.50 ALBERT HANDICAP

(£3,485: 1m 2f) (10) 20,400. 1117 2) (10)

1 D1-1 SEMAROLLER STANLY 17 (C.F.S) C Daw 44-12 G Carter 7

2 211- BARDSSA WALLEY 22 (CD.G) P Buths 6-9-11 D Griffles (5) 2

3 100- MUTRADARRA 176 (G) W Musson 48-6 D R Michael 6

4 600- LW MANDER 126 (G) T Michael 48-4 S Senders 3

6 411- SUMET SRIDE 684 (D.F.G) S Doer 5-8-1 D Day (5) 5

6 59-2 ROBELLORS 2 (W.D.F.G) D Andronot 6-8-11 D Martison 1

7 044- NO PATTERN 22 (V.G.F.G) E Micros 5-8-2 J Quinn 8

9 02-3 SENEET SUPPLIES (G.Y.C.F.G) C Martison 5-1 J Stack 4

9 02-3 SENEET SUPPLIES (G) W Martison 5-7-1 D Window 1

10 5-12 OLUET ARCH 7 (CD.F.F.S) P Martison 5-7-1 D Window 1

10 5-12 OLUET ARCH 7 (CD.F.F.S) W Mart 4-7-12 d Branchis (7) 10

3.20 CHELSEA HARDICAP

CY-O: £2,451: 6f) (9)

1 2-01 COUNTLESS TIMES 3 (CD,6) W Mais II-12 (Peo)

1 2-01 COUNTLESS TIMES 3 (CD,6) W Mais II-12 (Peo)

2 510. SPARKUNG SIDEE 40 (D,F.5) C Doyer 9-7... 0 R McCaba 8

3 6-45 SLETT WESPUN 7 K McCabab 9-6... 5 Sanders 6

4 2-46 CHAS-ZIOWN PLYES 8 P Hollesboard 9-6... F Lynack 57 5

5 -30-3 SERFERES MEPHEW 10 (B,CD,6) S Welliams 9-4... I Taba 4

3 0-6 MAS-YAR TITOK 68 Block Jones 9-1... M Figures 2

7 654 HEVER EDLE STORMER 25 I Manglato 9-0... D Holland 3

8 0-65 MHSPOR FOUR SPORT 4 M Jehnston 8-10... K Stad (7) 1

9 80-6 FORMORDEL SPORT 30 (M M Habot-Riss 8-0... D Weight 9

8-4 Rountline Folius 17-4 Countlines Hames, 11-2 Sitest Weightin, 6-1 Service's 9-4 Sparkling Edge. 17-4 Counties: These, 11-2 Sitest Winners, 6-1 Sentiso's Markers, Minor Four Sport, 8-1 Magner Titch, 10-1 others.

3.50 TOWER HANDICAP (£3,339: 2m) (7) 1 /2-2 STAR RASE 6 (0.5.6) 1 Hards 7-0-12 J Wanner 4
2 2-21 GERSMAL HAVEN 10 (5.6.6) 7 Marghton 4-0-2 D Holland 5
3 224 COLERIODE 41 (8.001-26.5) 1 Steethen 9-8-6 A Clark 2
4 20-5 SUMDOM MORDORS 10 R Ingrah 4-8-6 J Stack 7
5 54-1 DHE GREUT R.000 17 (6) C Davier 4-0-1 J Quinn 8
6 22-6 SHOUGH FURS FORMULA 12 (R.C.O.F.S.) W Marsant 7-8-1
0 R Metchan 1 7 138. MATHEMS NYSTRONE 21 (CD), IF S) Allow B Sanders 47-13 S Sanders 3 S Sanders 3 4 Sar Page, 3-1 General Husen, 4-1 The Brest Flood, 6-1 Coleridge, Broughtons connels, Mighies, Mysikes, 12-1 Random Madaess.

4.20 HUNGERFORD APPRENTICES HANDICAP (Div I: £2,067; 7f) (11)

3 410- ABSOLUTELYSTURBING 82 (C.BE.F.S) Mrs B Warng 4-8-4 7 00-4 LAGNESS 15 8 Richmand 4-8-5 Lisa Watson (7) 1
8 00-4 SHAYNES DOMANN 5 (R.D.C.) R Flower 5-9-2 G Million (5) 5
9 0-40 SHAYNES DOMANN 5 (R.D.C.) R Flower 5-9-2 G Million (5) 5
9 0-40 MITO DEST 6 (R.J.) Powlan 4-7-72 A McCadiny (7) 10
10 9-40 MSS CHARLE 11 (0.5) A Bailey 7-7-12 D Weight 3
11 5-00 FMRC DESIGN 12 P Millions 4-7-11 P Fessely (6) 7
14 Million STREET 7-3 SHARLE 10 2 A Millions 1-7-11

11-4 Haneli Stoot, 7-2 Stafeticiae, 9-2 Absolutelystoneira, 6-1 Partier, 7-1 Fiber Seine, 8-1 Lachesis, 10-1 Respectable Junes, 12-1 pines

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POOLS FORECAST

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16 Exeler v Colonester 2 17 Lincoln v Doncaster X 4 Everton v Bradford 1
5 Hindresi d v Middlesbrough 2
6 Lecesien v Nomech X
7 Man Utd v Grove or Wimbledon 1
8 * Peschorough v Wiedhon or Viest Hom V 22 Wiczn v Swensea VALIXIHALL 23 Albricham v Hoyes 24 Famboro v Rushden 25 Pattering v Bath 26 Maccles of v Slough 27 Morec be v Brisgrow Wrestram or West Hom V 9 Portsmouth v Reading 1 28 Southport v Weining 1 29 Statytindige v Dover X 30 Stienage v Kudionister 2 31 Teilord v Northwich X 10 Blackpool v Milwell 2

THIRD DIVISION BEST DRAWS Scuntherpe, Wigan, wel-tering, Telford, Boldock. AWAYS Shelfold Wednosday, Middles-crough Leyton Onent, Bidhop Audrand, Controlland

HOMES Everior Portsmouth, Carrendoc

United Northamptor, Torquey, Macdesfeld, Southport, Brytin, Gloucester FIXED CDDS. Hornes: Cambridge United, Northampton Torquey Southport, Blyth Aways: Micdestorauch, Leyton Onort, Banop Auditand Draws, Southorpe, Wigen, Kettering. □ Vince Wright

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MONACO: Monte Carlo Relly: Leading positions (after three times sages)* 1, C. Sartz and 1. Moya (Sp. Ford Escort) 33mm 15sec 2, T. Makenen and S. Harjarter, Fin. Missubshi Lancer) 33 19, 3, C. McReo and N. Grist (GB. Subaru Impress) 33:49; 4, P. Lant and F. Pons (fit. Sobaru Impress) 33:49; 5, D. Aumol and J. M. Anche: (Fir. Ford Escort) 33:56, 6, A. Scheedz, and D. Glasudot (Ge. 2nd Fit. Ford Escort) 34:19; 7, D. Depping and D. Hawtanke (Ger., Ford Escort) 34:24; 8, F. Loo, and S. Smeets (Bel. Toyola Colica) 34:50; 9, U. Nitel, and T. Thomar (Ger. Mesupoth Lancon) 36:11, 10, H. Landquaad and F. Peotison (Den. Toyota Colica) 34:34.

NETBALL ENGLAND SENIOR GROUP: F Mutagh traptant, T Bettram I, Lam A-M Mulic, H Lorsdale, K Okfield, S Ordon, J Manson, J Zinzan, H Manylor Under-21: T Nevlie fraptant, O Murphy, I, Startley, K Burgess, K Asprial, E-Hockers, J Leach A Newton, V Brown C: Netronor BNGUSH COUNTRES LEAGUE: First of Vision: Warwickshire 33 Essex Met 61.

NORDIC SKIING

LAHTI, Finland: World Cup: Men. (20km)
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Myka Fing 1 15 53 0 3. H Forsberg (Size)
1 16 44 4 4 M Friddhezon (Size)
1 16 50.4; S. L Haland (Size) 1 16 50 5; 6, 5
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F Vabusa (N) 362; S. Levne (Nor) 312; 6, 3
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. Liudnes (SMarrose) 20476; 2, E Clement (füllerwhales) 20973; 3, G Morgan (Swar-sed) 2099), Warmer: Preselyle: 100m, f. V Hale (Swarrese) and 1, Cooper (Wiggan Waspa) 59:01; 3, L Kelluher (Micelel) 59:94 200m; 1, R Corner (Wiggan Waspan) 2, E. Marrose Waspel Serut; 3, Licenture (windows) 25/94. 200m; 1, R Controt (Wispen Waspel) 240.65; 3, C 2, C Hayter (Wigari Waspel) 240.67; 3, G Warren (Torisen) 240.69 Butterfly; 100m; 1, S Flook (Reading) 104/55; 2, L Keleher (Millerth) 104.82; 3, J Culley (Migan Massred 106.69) TABLE TENNIS KARLSRUHE, Gormany: Europeon Ma Bors Cup tournament: Semi-breds: See den bt France 3-0; Belgrum bt Gesmany 3-0 Final: Swaden bt Belgrum 3-0.

NATIONAL LEAGUE Merc First described to Malony Leachs on Malony Leachs on 3 (12-15, 8-15, 13-15); Crotton Sportsmenthouse 1 Polome Earing 3 (15-15, 9-15, 3-15, 3-15), Cay of State 3 Sportset Whitefield 6 (15-10, 15-5, 15-7); Wesser 3 Repote (Averpool City 1 (15-5, 15-6, 10-16, 15-10) MATIONAL WOMEN'S CUP: Quarter-final: London Makey 3 Loughborough 0 (15-7.

VOLLEYBALL

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3 4-74 FOREING CONDUCTOR F RESERVE 6-9-3. J Challes 5
3 20-10 FOREING F ROUGH 6-9-3. J Challes 5
3 60-0 BATH ROUGHT 10 O Franch Challe 4-9-5. S Carter 4
8 300- TOPUP 28 (8) J 168c 4-9-5. M Adams 1

1 5-41 MASTERSTRIBE 7 (C.F.G.) 8 Muchan 9-7 M Tebbot 4 2 06-5 AS-15 20 M Jourston 8-11 J Wenner 5 3 880- OUR KEYNI 64 (D.G.) K McKellik 9-11 DR McKellik 9-15 M Wighten 5 6 080- DITTY BEX 33 M Missis 8-6 M ARSH MARIGOLD 20 (5) M Masse 8-6 N Adents 1 6 3-63 TAOME 7 (6) P Evers 8-6 S Spotes 5

COURSE SPECIALISTS JOCKEYS: D Holland, 26 winners, bown 113 rights, 28.0%; J Wesser, 81 tuen 360, 21.3%; G Mellinger, 3 from 16, 18.2%; D Griffiths, 6 from 38, 15.8%. M Rountlet, 11 from 61, 13.6%; J Tate, 12 from 87, 12.4%.

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Julian Muscat examines the implications of the champion jockey forging closer links with Pipe

McCoy breaks agreement to seek greener pastures

lony McCoy duly collect sure ever since David ed his winning percent Bridgwater left Martin Pipe," age of £174 when Barber said yesterday. "Pipe Cyborgo obliged in a minor has said to me on several race at Newton Abbot yesterday. He must have thought it worthwhile in the long run: his insistence on riding the horse precipitated the abrupt severing of his links with the Paul Nicholls stable. The champion National

Hunt jockey says he will ride freelance for the rest of the season. However, behind the scenes, the influential hand of Martin Pipe has been shaping the course of events. Cyborgo is trained by Pipe, whose stable jockey. David Bridg-water, walked out of the job in September: The huge void in Pipe's stable has increasingly been filled by McCoy. On this occasion, however, Nicholls could not tolerate McCoy de-

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serting his camp.
Pipe insisted after saddling
Cyborgo yesterday that he had not employed McCoy as his re-tained jockey. He would continue to use the best, and McCoy would ride "when available. From the perspective of Paul Barber, who owns both the stable from which Nicholls trains and some of the best horses in it, McCoy is now available every day. Barber feels he has been ambushed, even though he and Nicholls had "bent over backwards" to accommodate the interest in their jockey. We have been under pres-

occasions that McCoy is the best young jockey around. He has always had his eye on him. Martin is a persuasive character and obviously wants McCoy to ride for him. But I'm in business, where 90 per cent of agreements are unwritten. You just don't break them. Paul has said he may use Tony McCoy in the future, but he

won't be riding any of mine

Barber was also upset with

the way McCoy handled the

amount of travelling, he com-fortably landed the jockeys'

championship. However, if McCoy believes he has jumped out of the frying pan, he may now have jumped into the fire. He is the toughest, strongest jockey around," Barber said, "but he is very young. He still has a lot to learn, especially about rid-ing in the big races. This is all about ambition but I hope he doesn't burn himself out riding throughout the year, as he will be required to do. I expect he looks at Richard Dunwoody, who has so many good situation. "He told us on rides, and wants the same."

He is the toughest jockey around but young. He has a lot to learn.'

would ride Flaked Oats (in the same race. Later that day he went to Pipe's, schooled Cyborgo and telephoned from within Pipe's compound to say. that he'd changed his mind. No matter what he says, he has offered Tony the stable jockey's job at least 25 times." In addition to Nicholls, Mc-Coy has always had links with Toby Balding, who brought the then-unknown jockey over from Ireland three years ago and established him in this country. McCoy, 23, took the Cov would have risked the game by storm last season.

when, after an immense

The Dunwoody analogy should serve as a warning to McCoy. For two seasons as stable jockey, Dunwoody met Pipe's unrelenting schedule before quitting the post and contemplating retirement. The experience left him drained and demoralised. Furthermore, when Bridgwater succeeded Dunwoody, he, too, made references to Pipe's uncompromising approach. He lasted less than a year. McCoy certainly has the desire of youth, but how long can it last?
It is inconceivable that Mc-

conflict without assurances

from Pipe. Pipe has been McCoy's principal source of winners this season, and the arrangement could have con-tinued indefinitely. But Mc-Coy may find that the balance of their relationship has changed. Despite the absence of a retainer, Pipe will assume he has first call on McCoy's

It goes against precedent if McCoy believes he can embrace the Pipe stable while operating as a genuine freelance. Pipe is notorious for delaying running plans to the last mimute. From one day to the next, McCoy will not know at which venue he is required.

The only jockey who picks and chooses at will is Dunwoody. But Dunwoody's only affiliations, excepting the mount on One Man, are in Ireland. In Britain he rides strictly in his own interests. Yet he maintains that successfully juggling the options is one half of the job. In this respect, McCoy could

come into conflict sooner than he thinks. Should Cyborgo point for the Cheltenham Gold Cup. McCoy will have to choose between that horse and Mr Mulligan, to whom he committed himself after the King George VI Chase last month. If Pipe felt there was the slightest prospect of Mo-Coy deserting him, he would have made alternative arrangements for Cyborgo starting yesterday afternoon.



McCoy and Pipe, racecard in hand, discuss riding tactics in the paddock at Newton Abbot yesterday

2.30 Solo Gent 1.00 Eagles Rest 3.00 Silver Standard 1.30 Award 2.00 Firet Cadet The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.00 SANMARTINO.

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GOING: GOOD TO FIRM, GOOD IN PLACES (CHASE COURSE); GOOD TO SOFT, GOOD IN PLACES (HURDLES) .

1.00 STONESBY HEVRCES HURBLE (Day 1: 22,329; 2m 4/ 110yd) (13 runners) BETTING: Frant Easter Rest, 5-1 Meximore Towns, 11-2 Parents Lad, 8-1 Hardette, Sudanek Lad, 10-1 Sino

1999: ARCHIMETTIC 8-11-5 W Marsley (9-2) Mrs J Pirose 22 ms FORM FOCUS

EACLES REST In 2nd at 9 to Mater A Stand In a novice hurdle at Actor (2m 1704), good to firm). Hurshard E 17 2nd of 12 to Manella Octoy in a novice handle at Chepston (2m 46 1704), good to 2001 pendialmed as one. MERITMERE TOWERS 11 2nd of 15 to Mir Percy in a novice bundle at Hurshaydron (2m 1104), good). PERROSE LAS 2.	Red of 18 to Sterpical in a modes hardle at the langthen (2m. 1104), spool in sattle, SENSROOL (AR) 1654 4m of 13 is Aphatement in a seek hardle at Uticarbe (2m. 41 1104), sool), SIOUST SPEAK 161 2nd of 9 to Emissald Sistement in review hardle at Plentplan (2m. 4), good to sol Selection; EASILES REST.

1.30 STONESBY MOVICES HUROLE (Div B: 22,329: 2m 4t 110yd) (13 numers) ## 22,329: 2m 41 110yd) {13 numers}

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-25433 HOUGHTON 48 (F.G.S) (A Broton) W Jenks 31-31-5 Mr R Bunton (7)	90
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33/17P GRIFFINS BAR 32 (6) (M Smith) Mas P Sty 9-10-10 R Markey	92
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3,30 DICK CHRISTIAN NOVICES CRASE (£3,562: 2m 4f 110/d) (10 numers) SS-251 S.BRSSRY 41 (SD.F) (Siman Human Pathereshny) N Gesteler 7-11-10 A Thornton S2 SS-542 (KARNAR 55 (F.S.5) (Alex Margard Sampson) R Home 7-11-4 D O'Schleen - POHP-5 SOUNDER GOLDEN 40 (Mrs. John Whige J Whyse 9-11-4 D O'Schleen - BYSSD SUMBER GOLDEN 40 (Mrs. John Whige J Whyse 9-11-4 D O'Schleen - BYSSD SUMBER GOLDEN 40 (Mrs. John Whige J Whyse 9-11-4 D O'Schleen - B Brackey - BYSSD SUMBER GOLDEN 40 (Mrs. John White J Whyse 9-11-4 D Pathers 1-14-5 Wyone B 1903-F (MRCLE ALDY 34 (Proght Makes) Mrs. J Whome 8-11-4 S Wyone B 1903-F (MRCLE ALDY 34 (Proght Makes) Mrs. J Whome 8-11-4 D Repaired 35 (P.46) PINNANT COTTAGE 40 (S) P J Wrothey) W Joseph 9-10-13, T Joseph 14/13-P PROMITEE PERFORM 53 (S) New Park March Mrs. D Mrs. B-10-13, E (Mrs. D Mrs. D Mrs. D Mrs. B-10-13, E (Mrs. D Mrs. D M BETTERS: 13-8 Stiegeby, 5-2 These Philosophers, 9-2 West No. 60, 11-2 Karas, 25-1 Sounds Golden, Super Richart Unde Algy, Partial Cottage, Prizadin Porrey, Soundart Life

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SAMMARTHO bank Secret Spring 11 in service trade of Rengton (2m. good to SM). RESMES 501 5th to Temperoo in residue stands of Sth. of 10 to Mild Day Cheer an useden trade of Herotot (2m. 1t. good to SM). WELST SLIK 40 2ml results of Herotot (2m. 1t. good to SM) with RED PHANTOM 41 bask, FIGH in THE CLOUS turdes debut, 416f 2ml of 19 to By Charlie Allon or handle can at the Currengh (1m. 28, good to welling). MOONAX 1961 2ml 18-in Shapinal in nonce

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Avro Anson favourite for Doncaster chase

CORAL makes Avro Anson, trained by Maurice Camacho, the 4-l favourite in an entry of 24 for the £30,000-added Pertemps Great of 24 for the Education of Saturday. Yorkshire Chase at Doncaster on Saturday. raised the gelding by 5lb.

Coral also bets: 6-1 Golden Spinner. 7-1 Yorkshire Chase at Longaist on Saturday.

The nine-year-old, who finished a close third to Jodami in the Peter Marsh Chase at Haydock last Saturday, heads the weights with 11st 12lb.

Avro Anson will be worse off in future handicaps because British Horseracing Board handicapper Christopher Mordaunt yesterday

Rough Quest suffers setback

ROUGH OUEST has suffered a setback and may miss the Cheltenham Gold Cup and the Grand National, Terry Casey, his trainer, said yesterday. Casey will review the condition of last year's Aintree winner in a week's time but

said: "It is not looking good at the moment." Rough Quest, quoted at 8-1 by William Hill to improve on last year's four-length second to Imperial Call in the Gold Cup, had been scheduled to run at Cheltenham in the Pillar

Properties Investments Chase on Saturday. "He has a little heat in his leg and we will have to take it easy with him for a few days." Casey said. "Any heat is serious. It will hold him up for a while and threatens his participation in the Gold Cup. It's not looking good for the Grand National either."

William Hill reacted by offering the gelding at 5-1 "with a run" for the Gold Cup. with Addington Boy and The Grey Monk cut from 14-1 to 12-1. Rough Quest has run only twice this term because of an earlier slight setback and the weather. After winning a novice hurdle at Folkestone last month, he went down by 12 lengths to One Man in the King George VI Chase at Kempton on Boxing Day.

RACING AHEAD Robert Wright suggests the best value in

the ante-post market Shurfit Champion Hurdle Chellesham, March 11

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Collier Bay	7-21	3-/	3-1	17.52
Large Action	6-1	11-1	C.1	7-1
Space Trucker	5-1	6-1	6-1	6-1
Sammartino	1-8-1	10-1	14-1	9.1
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letzisten	16-1	14-1	111-1	14-1
Cestin Streep	16-1	16-1	12-1	20-1
I'm Supposin	16-1	14-1	20-1	14-1
Wetinguett	141	14-1	20-1	14-1
Reiksei	20-1	20-1	14-1	20-1
Cockney Lad	35-1	33-1	20-1	25-1
Penny A Day	35.1	25-1	33-1	122-7

THE retirement of Alderbrook last week caused a major shake-up in the Champion Hurdle market. While the auccess Cockney Lad in the A i 6 Europe Champion Hurdle at Leoperdstown on Sunday failed to make the picture any clearer, the Croxton Park Novaces' Hurdle at Leicester today

night have more relevance. Sammartino is one of the best Flet horses to be sent hurdling it to is one of the peak risk that of Celeric in the group the Club Guo at Newmarket on his final start on the have, since when he has been transferred from Barry Hills to

The bar's form of his hundling deout at Kempton received a boost at the same track on Friday when the length runner-up, Secret Spring, won's hot novice hundle, However, that run did not flatter Sammertino, who would surely have won with more ease had he been sent to the front earlier, and will be seen to tar baller effection Chettenham's after track. While he taces no simple task today, conceding 7to to the quirty 1994 St Leger winner, Mooner, SAMMARTINO should win with authority and confirm his place in the Champion Hundle field. The 14-1 for Chettenham with Ladiorokes should be taken this moming.

be taken this morning.
Last year's winner, Collier Bay, makes little appeal at 7-2 given his need for cut in the ground. Large Action, who has the Stayers' Hurdle as an alternative, has always been vulnerable to a rival with finishing speed, while Dato Star was exposed by Atlanguett at Haydock on Saturday.

Space Trucker overcame a terrible last-hurdle blunder when beeting Castle Sweep in the Fighting Fifth Hurdle at Newcastle, and will be a major threat granted test ground at Cheltenham.

MARKET RASEN

1.10 White Plains. 1.40 Eurotwist. 2.10 OCEAN LEADER (nap). 2.40 Halkopous. 3.10 Peace Lord. 3.40 Netherby Said. 4.10 Dig For Gold. Newmarket Correspondent: 1.10 SURANOM (nap).

TOTE JACKPOT MEETING 1.10 MIDDLE RASEN NOVICES HURDLE (£2,560: 2m 1f 110yd) (19 runners)

11-4 Hight Choice, 3-1 White Plants, 7-2 Easy Listenery, 8-1 Indicator, 9-1 Submitter, 12-1 Highly Cloresing, 14-1 others.

1.40 SCOTHERM HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,987: 2m 1l 110yd) (14)

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204	-211	CIRCUS LINE 41 (6.5) M W Easterby 6-11-10	P Carberry
355	SPS	ISAIAN 36 (D.F.S.) No. J Cock 8-11-4	. 7 igan
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209	P5-P	STAR OF DAVID 106 (C,F,S) Mass A Empiricus 9-16	1-13 J Hvan
		MARCHETE SO (G,S) Mrs M Janes 6-10-9	
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2.10 ERIC & LUCY PAPWORTH HANDICAP CHASE 301 -134 CHANGE THE REIGN BY (C.F.G.S) Miss A Embricos 10-11-11

201 -134 CHANGE THE REIGN BY (C.F.G.S) Miss A Embricor 10-11-11
302 -385 HOLY STING 34 (B.BF.S) IN Tricken-Dames 8-10-13 C Manage 92
303 P-15 OCEAN LEADER 32 (BCF.S) Miss D Haine 10-10-10 JF Timey 91
304 -427 SPARFOW HALL 33 (B.F.G.S) JF Fatgement 10-10-10 JF Timey 91
305 23-14 CALL THE STORY TO (F) 1 Water 8-10-8 ... IN WILLIAMSON 33
306 PPS2 BARRICOWN BILL 36 (V.C.F.G.S) M Pipe 8-10-8 ... D Water 81
307 -967 HERISCANE ANDREW 25 (F.G.S) JA Micros 9-10-6 N Scrolls 303 3-16 SPROMSTON 807 46 (F.G.S) M Claspron 14-10-0 R Barry (7) 86
303 3-16 SPROMSTON 907 46 (F.G.S) M Claspron 14-10-0 R Barry (7) 85
309 SERG COOL WEATHER 7 (8) F Classicoph 9-10-0 ... A S Smith 42
310 4823 RECORD LOWER 11F F) M Claspron 7-10-0 ... Whotengian F 11-4 Ocean Leader, 3-1 Sparmer Hall, 1700-30 Call The Shots, 9-2 Haly String, 6-1 Change The Hargit, 8-1 Hamilton Bill, 16-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINGRS: C Mann A women from 9 numbers, 44 4%, Mess it Kongol, 10 hum 26, 30 5%, P Kalleson, 3 hum 8, 37 5%, N Twiston-Davies, 7 hum 24, 22 2%, N Radey, 12 hum 46, 26 1%.

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2.40 BET WITH THE TOTE NOVICES CHASE

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3.10 E B F NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier £2,700 2m 3t 110yd) (15)

3-1 Derakshan, 7-2 Besson Fleght, 5-1 Peace Lond, 13-2 Spended 8-1 Harldsonni, 12-1 Bold Action, 14-1 Desning Flores, 16-1 Others

3.40 MARKET RASEN HANDICAP CHASE (C2,892- 2m 1/ 110yd) (10)

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607 2-23 M. MODERS 52 (BC, BF, F, E) M W Easterly 8-12-0 P Carbony 90
602 423 LASATA 45 (D, BF, E, S) R Carson 12-11-11 ... D Moors 87
603 -012 REAL GLEF 42 (F) 12 Doors 8-11-10 C Moords 93
604 -84P (90MLP'S DELGRIT 45 (C, F, G) Mers H Jungil 9-11-2 JF Tibre 90
605 21-1 METHERBY SAID 48 (CD, F, S) P Beaumont 7-11-1 R Supple 93
606 12-3 CRETT CHAPLAN 38 (CD, F, S) D MoCam 11-10-12
D Water 82 RUT 3413 REVE DE VALSE 42 (D.BF.F.G.S) R Juhosan 10-10-9

4.70 WEST RASEN STANDARD OPEN NATIONAL HUNT PLAT RACE (£1,287: 1m 51 110yd) (16)

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☐ Adrian Maguire has lodged an appeal against the six-day ban he received for irresponsible riding at Kempton on Saturday.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Newton Abbot

Going: heavy

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CSF 5734 69
2.35 (2m. 110yd chr. 1, Indian Anow (C. Maude, 12-1), 2, Mr Playful (6-1), 3, Good For A Leugh (12-1), The Lancer 5-2 lav 14
4m. 91, 81 M. Pipe Tole 516 10; 54 70, 57 70, 64 80. DF 528 30. The 5159 90 (part won Pool of 567 58 camed toward to 240 Market Rasen loday), CSF 574 11
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OF \$177 50 Too \$1,346 00, CSF Tricasi \$4,624 73 ## 4,05 (2m 51 110)d ch) 1, Orawell Lad (N Williamson 10-1), 2, Montobal (11-2 p-lan), 3, Bells Life (12-1), Brogeen Lady 11-2 p-lan), 15-2 p-lan (15-2n), 15-2 p-lan

Jackpot: Not won (pool of £10,194.70 carried forward to Misrkel Rasen foday). Placepot £1,319.70. Duadpot. £410.20.

Carlisle

Going: good to lam (good in places) teaming good to aim (good of places)

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Carberry Evens lav; Thunderer's nap and
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£1.30, £1.80, £4.40 DF £8.20 Tim £54.30

CSF £5.26 1.55 (2m 4) 110yd chi 1, Crown Squerry (P Carberry, 8-13 (av); 2, Bold Account (7-1), 3, Tico Gold (6-1), 7 mn. 21, 7 vl. Q Richards, Tole 21 70 21 50, \$1 80 OF \$25 00, CSF \$25.86

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: MANOLETE (1.40 Market Rasen) Next best: Hurricane Andrew (210 Market Rasen)

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TENNIS: WORLD NO 1 STRUGGLES TO BEAT 19-YEAR-OLD AS TEMPERATURES SOAR AT AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Sampras survives heat of the moment

tuted a health hazard, he said: "I think that's something a

doctor should answer. There

were times in the match when

I was feeling it, but it's so hot.

especially on that court, because a rebound ace court

just absorbs all the heat and

makes it that much tougher to

breathe and play. My feet

going to be great ... the only

thing you can do is drink a lot of fluids on the change over.

get an ice towel on you. I think there's going to have to come a

point where someone gets hurt

out there to make some sort of

rule and, until that happens, I

don't think anything is going to happen. These are the

toughest conditions I've ever

had to play."
For Hrbaty, a keen skier

from Bratislava who turned

professional last year, it was

almost the day of his life.

Almost, but not quite. "I hope

the next time we play each other, I beat him, "he said with

disarming honesty. In Paris three years ago the Slovak,

who was playing in the junior tournament, asked Sampras

for his autograph. "Next time," he added cheekily, "I

hope he asks me for an

The quality of tennis is not

were on fire.

FROM MICHAEL HENDERSON IN MELBOURNE

from among the players in this Australian Open before it finishes on Sunday. The heat yesterday was merciless and the northerly wind in late afternoon served as a sirocco so oppressive that scores of spectators were treated for heat exhaustion. To play in such conditions, decribed by Pete Sampras, no less, as the toughest he had ever faced, took a will of steel.

As the final match of the evening began on centre court, between Thomas Muster and Jim Courier, the lights at Melbourne Park went out. At the same time, 500 yards away at the Melbourne Cricket Ground, where Pakistan were beating West Indies to win the World Series Cup one-day series 2-0, the floodlights failed. In both instances the extreme heat was held responsible for causing the tempo-rary electricity failure.

It was so hot in Melbourne yesterday - 61 C on court in the early afternoon and a whopping 33 C at 12.50am, when Muster finally overcame Courier in four draining sets - that scores of spectators at the tennis and cricket received treatment for heat

In the country areas of

IT IS a distinct possibility that Victoria, fire-fighters dealt the sun will claim a casualty with several blazes in the bush and water-bombers were even sent in to douse the flames. In short, this was no day to be playing sport. According to Wasim Akram, the captain of Pakistan, who has seen a fair few hot days in his time, "it was far too hot".

Sampras, the No I seed, was shattered. He used up all five sets to beat the 19-year-old Dominik Hrbaty, of Slovakia,

QUARTER-FINALS

MEN'S SINGLES: P Sempres (US) v A Costa (Spj.: G Ivanisevic (Croj v T Muster (Austne), Č Moya (Sp) v F Mantilla (Sp); M Rios (Chile) v M Chang (US)

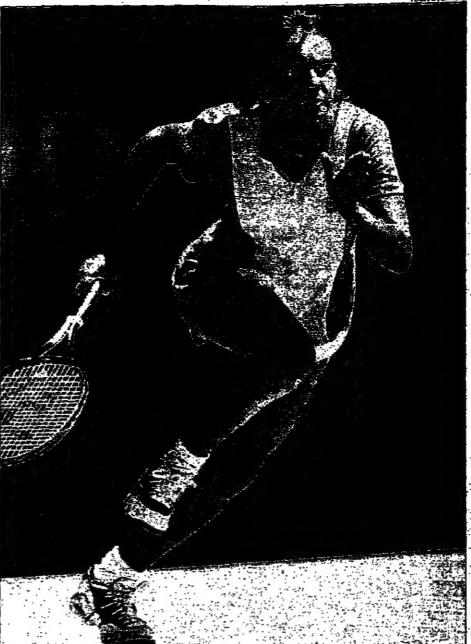
WOMEN'S SINGLES: S Appelmens (Bel) v M Pierce (Fr), A Costzer (SA) v K Po (US), M Hinglis (Switz) v I Spiriez (Rom), D van Roots (Bel) v M J Famandez (US).

6-7, 6-3, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4 and was thankful just to squeeze past a tiro who was playing in his first grand-slam tournament. Hrbaty came close to causing a significant upset because he led 43 in the final set before Sampras pulled rank. But afterwards the world No I spoke of the heat rather more than the match.

"It was so hot today, it was a joke," he said. "It really was tough to play out there." Asked whether the heat consti-

autograph." Sampras will now play Alberto Costa, of Spain, in the quarter-finals. Costa came through after beating Wayne Ferreira, of South Africa, who retired in the third set with a thigh strain. Goran Ivanisevic meets Muster, who beat Courier for the first time since 1990 despite being treated on court for a sore toe and numb In the women's section

Martina Hingis continues her march towards the final, although she struggled to win the first set of her match with the Romanian, Ruxandra Dragomir, on a tie-break after surrendering three of her service games. The second set proved less troublesome as she won six successive games to wrap up a tidy win and keep everybody excited about the prospect of watching the youngest player to win a women's grand-slam tournament this century.



Dominique van Roost, of Belgium, races to the net during her defeat of Chanda Rubin

P Samples (US) bt 0 Hybrity (Slovatin) 6-7, 6-2, 6-4, 9-6, 6-4; G Nanisavic (Cro) bt C Paud (Nor) 4-8, 6-2, 6-7, 6-3, 8-3; A Contin (Sp) bt W Farreira (SN) 6-3, 6-2, 3-2 ret; 7 Mindre (March Le

A Short guide to politics

Clare Short is the best example in politics at the moment of someone Clare Short is the best example in politics at the moment of someone people admire more than agree with. She is perceived as honest, brank, uncaring of image and unconcerned with ambition: we have a sneaking regard for MPs who are willing to upset their party leader a sneaking regard for MPs who are willing to upset their party leaders. Here, Short presents a tour of her constituency and although not damaging to New Labour, Short's concern for the people Old Labour was seen to represent shines through. Her great-grandfather came to Birmingham in the 1940s after fleeing the Irish famine and the family has become entrenched there throughout buge demographic changes. The ethnic mix is perhaps best illustrated by the fact that Short the schoolgirl enrolled in the Brownies at a Hindu temple.

Night Waves. Radio 3, 10.45pm.

There are several good arts programmes on BBC radio and not the least of their merits is that they are scheduled at a variety of times in recognition of the lact that their andience has daytime as well as night time requirements. Night Waves is especially good at featuring people who may not, but perhaps should be, household names. Georges Braque was as important as Picasso in the development of Cubism and tonight's programme assesses Braque, whose last 20 years of output is the subject of an exhibition at the Royal Academy of Art in London. Tonight's programme also reviews The Nature of Blood, the novel by Caryl Phillips.

RADIO 1

7.00am Smon Mayo 9.00 TBA 12.00 Mary Anne-Hobbs 2.00pm Nicky Campbell 4.00 Mask Gooder 7.00 Evening Session with Steve Lamacq and Jo Whiley 8.00 Cling Plm with Mark Kamode and May Ann Hobbs. A weekly look at the chama, includes a special quest choosing their favoirite tim 10.00 Mark Radolffe 12.00 Claims Surgests, Includes at 12.15 set The Net isk, includes at 12.15am The Net

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ciello, Minna Ksal (Cello Concerto)
10.45 Night Waves. See Choice
11.30 Compener of the Week:
Ravel (f)
12.30em Jazz Notes, with Alyn
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Jacques Loussier (1/2)
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Donald Macleod: Includes
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Sequence

Scottish Symphony Orchestra, under Martyn Brathins, Alexander Saille, dello, Minna Keal (Cello

ICE HOCKEY: SUPERLEAGUE TITLE RACE HOTS UP AS CARDIFF DEVILS SUCCUMB TO NEAREST RIVALS AT FIFTH ATTEMPT

Kovacs hat-trick steals narrow victory for Sheffield

BY NORMAN DE MESOUTTA

Sampras is physically drained after his win over Hrbaty

CARDIFF Devils and Sheffield Steelers met for the fifth time in the Superleague this season on Saturday and, for the first time, the Steelers won, 7-6. Frank Kovacs scored three times for Sheffield, his first goal coming after only 13 seconds. The Steelers led 5-0 after less than

nine minutes, but the Devils gradually picked up their game and hauled themselves to within one goal with two minutes remaining. However, Sheffield just held on for a victory that brought them to within one point

of the Devils with a game in hand. Cardiff bounced back on Sunday. however, and reopened a three-point lead with an 11-2 rout of Nottingham Panthers - the second time in three games that they had scored II goals. Kip Noble contributed a hat-trick Ayr Scottish Eagles had mixed

fortunes on their trip to southern England, beating Basingstoke Bison on Saturday, but losing to Bracknell Bees the next day. Bison made far too many defensive errors and, but for the heroics performed by Richard Gallace, their goaltender, would have been beaten more heavily than 6-4. Times without number, Gallace was left to face marauding Ayr forwards without a Basingstoke defender in sight.

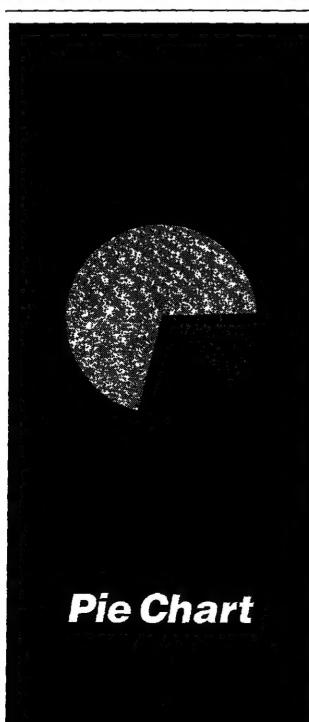
SHOW REPORTS

Two goals in eight seconds gave Bracknell just the start they wanted against the Eagles and they led 3-0 before Jiri Lala opened Ayr's account. The Scottish side never got closer and Bracknell, backed by another fine goaltending performance from Mark

Bernard, won comfortably, 6-3. The win took the Bees off the place. For all the personnel changes

has made, the Storm are still not competitive and it is hard to see them showing any significant improve ment during the rest of the season.

Sheffield have now opened up an eight-point gap ahead of Newcastle Cobras, who lie third, and the game on Saturday between the leading two bottom of the table and once again in Cardiff could go some way to relegated Manchester Storm to last deciding which of them will take the



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FENAGE

(c) The hay crop. From the Old French fenage from fener to make hay. Late Latin faenare, faenum hay. 1610: "The sowing of seede of Trefoyle doth much inrich Meddowes both in Furrage and Fenage. GNATHO

(a) A person resembling the Gnatho of Terence. A parasite or brown-nosing sycophant. Terence gave his archetypal sucker-up his name from the Greek gnathos a jaw. Charles Kingsley. Westward Ho!, 1855: "That Jack's is somewhat of a gnathonic and parasitic soul, or stomach, all Bideford apple-women know." FLAUTANDO

(b) The musical direction to a violinist or other string player to make a noise like a flute. From the past participle of the Italian flauture to play the flute. A dictionary of musical terms of 1876: "Flautando, flautato (It.), like a flute; a direction to produce the flageoiet tones on the violin, &c." GAYAL

(c) A semi-domesticated kind of or common in Burma, Vietnam and Bangladesh. By some believed to be a variety of the gaur. By others regarded as a distinct species (Bibos frontalis). The Kindi word. "When a rich man has made a contract of marriage, he gives four or five head of gayals (the cattle of the mountains) to the father and mother of the bride."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE 1 RhS+! KxhS 2 Nxf7+ Kg7 3 OxdS and White wins easily.



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Builders' quotes, lies and measuring tape

A for builders to drive their vans around residential streets, nodding with pride and achievement at each personal one, I done that one, and I done that one," they say, quite cheerfully. Madonna Benjamin's Cutting Edge film last night, The Builders are Coming (Charmel 4) cleverly showed how, from the builder's point of view, this heritage trail was a matter for self-congratula-tion, but also how the substitution of "done" for "did" was no accident of education. Beyond those walls, householders still trembled with the after shock of their encounter. with that builder, and echoed his words almost exactly. "I've been done," they said, distantly. "I've

been done, I've been done." in all aspects of life, of course, we play characters in other people's dramas, and they play parts in ours. Most of the time this

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pparently, it's the custom contra-deal is quite easy to accom- spade and chuckles, while his modate. Yet for some reason, when long-haired pal Andy chews gum modate. Yet for some reason, when long-haired pal Andy chews gum Building enters the human equa-tion, the struggle for protagonist status can be titanic. In The new jobs each morning, while Builders are Coming (which might better have been called The Builders are Still Here and I'm Withholding the Cheque'). Benjamin followed three or four stories: of ostensibly pleasant builders and ostensibly patient clients, whose promising relationship had been skewed by the simple fact that the builders routinely lied about completion down pletion dates, and moreover held the clients' homes to ransom.

When each of these clients employed their builder, you see, can-do attitude persuaded them he would be a minor character in their drama; whereas in no time at all, they have become just a laughable snooge in his From Cary the builder's point of view, his paymasters Rhona and Jerry his paymasters Rhona and Jerry proprietorially against door posts are just ridiculous. He leans on a without once offering a hand's

Rhona, a head teacher with an imaginary clipboard, checks progress relentlessly and com-plains about the hold-ups. Gary can only shrug. If Rhona and Jerry contradict each other, it's part of life's rich pattern; if Rhona needs to let off steam, it's no skin off his nose. Agreeing to everything, he mixes more cement, lays some bricks, and disappears on holiday.

eautifully made and edited, B The Builders are Coming struck exactly the right note of sympathy; all the outrage and cushion-chewing was left to the viewer at home. Star of the film was a tall, complacent London builder called Simon, who leant REVIEW



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turn, and upheld, in all seriousness, that clients are simply too delicate to bear the truth. Moral philosophers should study Simon and write papers about him. He believes that lying is a necessary kindness, while at the same time he can't understand why his client-relationships invariably end in nears. "At the end of this you're going to hate me," he warms people when he starts each job. He shrugs

fatalistically. "It always happens," Elsewhere on telly last night, the moral maze was considerably easier to figure out. In Channel 4's paranoid X Files lookalike Dark Skies, for example, the bad guys are the ones who have a wriggly, leggy ganglion inside their heads; the good guys are ganglion-free. See? Moral philosophy made re-dundant at a stroke. President Kennedy and then Lee Harvey Oswald were both killed by ganglions. We always knew there'd be a

simple explanation.

Meanwhile, ITV's new pathology drama McCallum completed the story started last week, and the culprit was Josh, the elder of Jane Lapotaire's two sons. Viewers may have guessed this, but the unfolding of the story was still quite gripping, perhaps because the Orthodox Jewish family added biblical overtones. Josh not only killed his supposed father; he then allowed his natural father to die

for him. And then he killed his brother. I think I said it was biblical. McCallum (made by STV) is very, very good by ITV standards. And since forensies are the key to The Truth (no argument about it), even the philosophers can rest easily in their bunks.

The big event of the evening, of course, was the wellpublicised return of Ruby Wax Meets... (BBCI). a show which has presumably spawned a whole new breed of media trainers, teaching Hollywood actors how to act the goat for pleasure and profit. Sharon Stone had surely studied videos in advance, and had taken the sensible decision to act chummy in satin jimjams, as if the interview were, heck, a crazee slumber party! In passing - and when she could get a word in - she revealed gruesomely fascinating insecurities, but the best-friend act was so

Ruby's technique. At any point, Ruby could have bruken the pretence wide open with "Do I know you?" But of course she never

Finally. Channel 4 chose a wearisome late-night spot for a serious, terrific and timely documentary by Claudia Nye: Evita Pre Madonna, filmed in Argentina during the making of the movie. Intercutting Peronist diehards with Madonna wannabes, it was a study of fanaticism, idolatry and "cultural penetration", and also provided the sole example of human dignity in the whole evening. At its climax, a local actress dressed as Eva Peron sat bolt upright on a bench and sang a 1950s tango of astonishing force. "I'll return and I'll be millions," it went. "With the might and power of the hurricane." It was the best answer to cultural penetration I've ever heard.

BROV_from 6.00am BUSINESS BREAKFAST (90228) 7:00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS (1) (47315) 9.00 BREAKFAST NEWS EXTRA (T)

9.20 ALL OVER THE SHOP (8675995) 9.45 KILROY (1872247) 10.30 CAN'T COOK, WON'T COOK (47976) 11.00 NEWS (T) and weather (6175599) 11:05 THE REALLY USEFUL SHOW

(5087696)11.45 SMILLIE'S PEOPLE Paddy Ashdown (6952266)

12.00 NEWS (T) and weather (7783518) 12.05pm THE ALPHABET GAME (6994402) 12.30 GOING FOR A SONG (4637957) 12.55 THE WEATHER SHOW (27142624) 1.00 NEWS (T) and weather (40402) 1.30 REGIONAL NEWS (44722518) 1.40 NEIGHBOURS (T) (74824315) 2,05 THE FLYING DOCTORS (1) (8866228) 2.45 PUT IT TO THE TEST (3634247) 3.10 WEAR IT WELL (r) (3100975)

3.30 PLAYDAYS (3632976) 3.50 Casper Classics (2347995) 3.55 Hububb (3940286) 4.10 Prince of Atlantis (1418792) 4.35 The Mask (7631889) 5.00 Newsround (T) (2533763) 5.10 Grange

5.40 NEIGHBOURS (f) (T) (287112) 8.00 NEWS (T) and weather (421) 6.30 NEWSPOOM SOUTH EAST (773) 7.00 HOLDAY The beaches of the Maldives

lajorca and Andros. A working holiday at Ballymalice, Co Cork, and a bargain break in Lille (1) (3063)

7.30 EASTENDERS A stranger calls on Kethy with startling news of Phil (T) (957) 8.00 CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL Jan Connor meets a ten-year-old who is convinced her diagnosis is wrong (1) (2711)

8.30 THE DETECTIVES topis and Briggs find themselves suffering from acute hypo-chondria as they petrol the wards bundled raid (1) (8518)

9.00 POLITICAL BROADCAST: Conservative Party (118570)

9.05 NEWS (1) and weather (172516) 9.35 HARRY ENFIELD AND CHUMS (T) (951570) WALES: 9.35 Captain Colenso's Last Voyage (2635792) 10.90 Harry Enfield and Churrs (446112) 11.20 Inside Story (523266) 12.10am FiLM: The Package (720008) 1.50 News (2267209)

10.10 INSIDE STORY Account of how the KGB extracted information from Western diplomats and businessmen (1) (486841)

11.00 FILM: The Package (1989) Gene Hackman plays an army sergeant who-realises he is being menipulated by renegade Russian and American soldiers. Directed by Andrew Davis 12.40mm FiLM: From Hollywood to

Deadwood (1990) starring Scott Paulin. Detective spoof about two struggling private investigators hard by a movie company to track down a missing leading lady, Directed by Rex Pickett (940193) 2.15 WEATHER (1678261)

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6.25 HEARTBREAK HIGH (T) (214063) 7.10 TENNIS Australian Open (723529) 8.00 HOME FRONT (r) (1) (3763)

8.30 FOOD AND DRINK Australian wine for under 55 a bottle, the best of Italian bread and chef James Martin cooks up a remantic meal for 300 students at Durham University (1) (9850)

9.00 GEOFF HAMILTON'S PARADISE GARDENS Geoff visits gardens in Warwick and Oxford (T) (5402) 9.30 SKELETON COAST Senedict Allen

leaves the safety of Luderitz to make the hazardous trek to the port of Walvis Bay (3/8) (1) (78976) 10.00 GROWN UPS The gang play match-maker for a less than enthusiastic Murray

10.30 A POLITICAL BROADCAST: Conservative Party (558995) 10.35 NEWSNIGHT (T) (566711)



FACE TO FACE: Harold Pinter The playwright looks back at his childhood in Hackney, east London, his obsession with language and the accidental signifings of often bizarre images that have influenced his work (1/6) (883150)

11,55 WEATHERVIEW (292247) 12,00 THE MIDNIGHT HOUR (63984)

12.30am LEARNING ZONE: O.U.: Energy and Rockets 1.00 Organic Molecules In Action 1.30 Man- Made Macromolecules 2.00 Music Makers; into Music 4.00 Teaching and Learning with IT 5.00 Inside Europe 5.30 Film Education CHOICE Secret History: Hello Mr President

Channel 4, 9.00pm Within days of becoming President of the United States, Lyndon Johnson ordered his secretary to record all his telephone calls. More than 4,000 hours of material were which that 1,000 hours of material were deposited in the LBJ Library in Texas, of which only a small part has been made public. But it is enough to cover Johnson's first 100 days in office and to provide the basis for a fascinating glimpse into his style and behaviour, presented by an experienced Washington hand, Charles Wheeler. Johnson came to the highest office on the assassination of John Kennedy and a theme of the programme is LBI's determination to distance himself from his predecessor and fight the continuing impact of the Kennedy clan. As well as a Kennedy-hater, the phone calls reveal a man who for all his builying and bluster was chronically insecure.

Inside Story: The Honey Trap BBC1, 10.10pm

Now here's a funny thing. When it comes to seduction the least susceptible males are the Dutch, the Swedes and Danes, from the very Dutch, the Swedes and Danes, from the very countries supposedly at the heart of sexual permissiveness. The Italians and Spanish are much easier targets, while the British are less cold than they pretend to be. The authority for all this is none other than the KGB, based on its long experience of using pretty Russian girls to offer sex to foreigners in return for information. Jamie Doran's film claims to present the "untold story" of such entrapments, though many of the cases such entrapments, though many of the cases have already made the headlines. The most poignant is that of the American Marine sergeant, Clayton Lonetree. While based at the Moscow Embassy, he fell for, and passed secrets to, a KGB plant called Violetta. The pity of it is that both insist that they were genuinely in love.

Return to the Place of the Dead ITV. 10.45pm

on the ill-starred British Army expedition to the Borneo jungle in 1994. The first one retold the story in a dramatic reconstruction. This is a documentary sequel in which two of the men. Bob Mann and Richie Mayfield, go back to Borneo and relive the events which nearly cost them their lives. If it sounds like mesochism, they also have an emotional reunion with the villagers who helped to save them. The rights and wrongs of the fiasco, which led to bitter recriminations, are largely ignored, though Mayfield is bitter about his treatment by the Army and blames the incident for the break-up of his marriage. As the men return to the gully where they nearly perished you can understand why it is called the Place of the Dead.

Face to Face: Harold Pinter BBC2, 11.15pm

Persuaded into a rare television interview, Harold Pinter gives little away and Sir Jeremy Isaacs does not push him, particularly on his private life, further than he clearly wants to go. But after a surfeit of chat show gush it is a treat to listen to intelligent and articulate conversation, in which selling the latest book or film plays no part. It helps that Pinter is as precise and laconic as the characters in his plays. There is not a spare word as he fields questions about his use of language, those famously expressive silences and the extent to which he regards himself as a political writer. Mostly measured, Pinter reserves his bile for "critics who behave like children" audiences who fidget and cough and the present Government for reminding him of his overbearing father.

Peter Waymark 6,00am GMTV (1528421) 9.25 WIN, LOSE OR DRAW (8650686) 9.55 REGIONAL NEWS (9453711)

10,00 THE TIME, THE PLACE (38179)

10,30 THIS MORNING (83013995) 12.20pm REGIONAL NEWS (7752402) 12.30 NEWS (T) and weather (4655353) 12.55 SHORTLAND STREET (4630044) 1.25

Home and Away (T) (80018044) 1.50 Afternoon Live (74639247) 2.20 Vanessa (T) (23485957) **2.50** Afternoon Live (9190402) 3.20 NEWS (8160995)

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5.10 YAN CAN COOK: THE BEST OF CHINA (BB95686) 5.40 NEWS (T) and weather (460518)

6.00 HOME AND AWAY (r) (T) (204315) 6.25 HTV NEWS (f) (562112) 7.00 EMMERDALE (T) (8131) 7.30 GREAT WESTERN WOMEN: Animal

Passions The series concludes with a profile of Dr Marthe Kiley-Worthington. probably the most controversial animal behaviourist in the world (353) 8.00 THE BILL A girl collapses after taking Ecstasy and her father is convinced her

boyiriend was responsible (T) (4179) 8.30 PET POWER A German Shepherd horrific tate (T) (3686)

9.00 PEAK PRACTICE Will suspects Kate if suffering from post-natal depression (T)

10.00 A POLITICAL BROADCAST: Conservative Party (T) (225042) 10.05 NEWS (T) and weather (307537) 10.35 REGIONAL NEWS (267131)



Mann and Mayfield (10.45pm)

10.45 NETWORK FIRST: Return to the Place of the Dead Following the emotional journey made by Bob Mann and Richie Mayfield to the jungles of Borneo, where they almost died in 1994, when a British Army expedition went badly wrong (T) (388044)

11.45 HIGHLANDER (249792) 12.40am COLLINS AND MACONIE'S MOVIE CLUB (7677803)

1.10 ED'S NIGHT PARTY (3187844) 1.40 LATE AND LOUD (2343464) 2.40 THE CHART SHOW (r) (4926919) 3,35 SOUND BITES (33011919) 3.50 FOOTBALL EXTRA (r) (8455735) 4.30 THE TIME, THE PLACE (1) (24754) 5.00 THE VILLAGE SHOW (1) (79716)

As HTV West except: 12.55pm-1.25 A COUNTRY PRACTICE

(4630044) 5.10-5.40 SHORTLAND STREET (8895686) 6.25-7.00 CENTRAL NEWS (562112) 7,30-8.00 HEART OF THE COUNTRY (353) 11.45 CENTRAL SPORT SPECIAL (384228) 12.45am COLLINS AND MACONIE'S MOVIE

CLUB (4710648) 1.20 Film: FOR PETE'S SAKE (715006) 2.55 IN FOCUS (9410193) 3.40 FOOTBALL EXTRA (2721667) 4.20 CENTRAL JOSFINDER '97 (1003532)

WESTCOUNTRY As HTV West except: 12.20pm-12.30 ILLUMINATIONS (7752402)

12.55-1.25 WISH YOU WERE HERE?

5.20 ASIAN EYE (5119700)

5.10-5.40 HOME AND AWAY (8895686) 6.00-7.00 WESTCOUNTRY LIVE (68957) 7.30-8.00 WILD WEST COUNTRY (353)

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12.00 HOUSE TO HOUSE (54266) 12.30pm HERE'S ONE I MADE EARLIER 1.00 SLOT MEITHRIN (33112) 1.30 Film: THE DESERT RATS (82427131)

3.05 FRESH POP (6491082) 3.15 MONTEL WILLIAMS (3088605) 4.00 FIFTEEN-TO-ONE (222) 4.30 TV DINNERS (266)

5.00 5 PUMP (6537) 5.30 COUNTDOWN (518) 6.00 NEWYDDION (828044) 6.05 HENO (215421) 5.35 GAIR AM AUR (197886)

7.00 POBOL Y CWM (325792) 7.25 DUDLEY (630889) 8.00 PACIO (5421) 8.30 NEWYDDION (1228)

9,00 CUTTING EDGE: THE BUILDERS ARE **COMING (7112)** 10.00 BROOKSIDE (871995) 10.35 DARK SKIES (631529)

11,30-1,45am Film: THE BALLAD OF LITTLE JO (89860860) 4.00 YSGOLION (5798358)

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7.00 THE BIG BREAKFAST (63353)

1.00 CYBILL (r) (T) (21600745) 1.25 CELEBRITY (69407247)

1.30 Fil.M: Woman Obsessed (1959) starring Susan Hayward and Stephen Boyd. A melodrama about a widow who mames a Canadian ranch hand. Directed

by Henry Halhaway (T) (74841)

3.30 COLLECTORS' LOT (T) (247) 4.00

Fifteen-To-One (T) (222) 4.30 Countdown
(T) (268) 5.00 Ricki Lake (T) (9111150) 5.45 Scrimpers (735334)

6.00 BABYLON 5 Sci-fi adventure series (r) (T) 6.50 FRESH POP (884860)

7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS (T) (714808) 7.55 BOOK CHOICE: BOOKS OF THE CENTURY Humphrey Carpenter announces the Book of the Century (1) (850452)

8.00 WINGS: First Birds A look at the tirst birds to return to British shores after the Ice Age (2/8) (T) (5421)

8.30 BROOKSIDE Will Jackie tell Ron what he has been dreading to hear? and can Terry persuade his tather to come clean with Julia? (T) (1228)



Lyndon Baines Johnson (9.00pm)

9.00 SECRET HISTORY: HELLO MR PRESIDENT During his presidency, Johnson insisted that all his telephone calls were recorded Tonight Charles Wheeler charls the first 100 days of his term in office, which saw him tackling such issues as civil rights. poverty, the investigation into JFK's assassination and Vietnam (1) (7112)

10.00 FILM: A Time To Live (1985) A madefor-television drama starring Liza Minnelli as a mother looking after her son, a victim of muscular dystrophy. Directed by Rick Wallace (T) (983995) 11.45 FILM NIGHT A preview of the Sundance

Film Festival, founded by Robert Redford, and a look at the work of Ken Loach 12.20em Fil.M: Salmonberries (1991) starring

Rosel Zech and k.d. lang. Drama about the unresolved relationship between two women Directed by Percy Adlon (726280)2.05 FILM: Rosalle Goes Shopping (1989) A

satire on American consumerism starring

Directed by Percy Adlon (T) (335268) 3.45 ANIMAL Hester Schofield's look at the quirkiness of a seaside town (33008445) 4.00 SCHOOLS (5798358)

5.15 BACKDATE (r) (T) (21006)

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Carling ousts Guscott against Scots

Grayson earns belated recall from England

THE England rugby union selectors did yesterday what they should have done three months earlier and recalled Paul Grayson, who will play stand-off half against Scotland when the defending champions open their five nations' campaign at Twickenham on February I.

Grayson, whose six penalties squeezed the life out of Scotland in the Calcutta Cup match last year, replaces Mike Can in a side showing four changes of personnel and two of position from that which performed so poorly against Argentina a month ago.

Yet, having taken corrective action at stand-off and in the back row, where Richard Hill will win his first cap at openside flanker, doubts remain over the selectors' choice at scrum half and the midfield pairing of Phil de Glanville and Will Carling. England's ambition is still

to paint broader brush strokes than those which decorated the championship last season and now they must do so with a new half-back pairing and centres who do not complement each other. Wales, for example, demonstrated against Scotland on Saturday

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a capacity to attack through all three midfield players. Jeremy Guscott still offers that variety but, if the management believes that he is not robust enough for the fray - which was hinted at yesterday then there is little point keep-

ing him in the senior squad. Carling is a pace and power individual, Guscott is at the other end of the spec-trum," Jack Rowell, the Eng-land coach, said, somewhat obliquely. "The way the game is going there are no prisoners taken. You need to be robust and we think Will has the edge on Jerry." In that event, it might be more productive to have a player such as Will Greenwood, who is awarded the captaincy of the A team, or

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In the forwards, Chris



Hill: first cap

open-side flanker to the blind ride, where he is now playing his club rugby, with Hill receiving the call ahead of Neil Back, of Leicester. There is no doubt that Hill,

the facets we need, not least defensively," Rowell said. Back must be content with a place in the A international against Scotland, whose senior squad will be named today, but the jury will remain out on the balance of the England back row. All three are ball-handlers, but Rodber, who will be happy to occupy his favoured position - only three of his caps have been earned there - must employ

Though none of England's leading clubs have reached agreement with the Rugby Football Union, and only a handful of the players have signed letters of intent, there is no prospect of the dispute affecting the internationals. The clubs know that a withdrawal of labour would prove

Nick Greenstock among the

Rowell said that Catt, having been given three games in which to prove himself at stand-off, lacked the organi-sational skills required at international level, though he offered the prospect of a return at some time as a centre. Grayson and Alex King, of Wasps, were discussed, but, sensibly, the decision went to the player blooded last season and playing in an ambitious club side at Northampton. Grayson is also a regular goalkicker, which King is not. Andy Gomarsail, King's

club partner, receives a vote of confidence at scrum half, despite mixed displays against being given time to settle, though Kyran Bracken's form for Saracens is such that he will be disappointed not only to have missed selection, but also to have been pushed down the list by Austin Healey, whose outstanding attacking qualities have won him a place among the

Two of England's changes are the results of injuries that prevented de Gianville and Tim Stimpson from playing against Argentina. The captain displaces Guscott, and Stimpson returns at full back

Sheasby can count himself unfortunate to lose his place at No 8. He did little wrong in his three appearances before Christmas, but Tim Rodber's organisational and playing skills help to keep him in the team. Rodber moves from blind-side flanker to No 8, Lawrence Dallaglio from

25, has benefited by playing alongside so many world-class players with Saracens, but he has been knocking on the door for two years, and to some extent offers a compromise. He has honed his open-side talents after a period when he played No 8 and blind-side but, at 6h 2in and 15st 9lb, he offers greater physical pres-ence than Back. Hill said that he was a bit surprised but obviously delighted" by his

"We think Hill has more of his ability more constructively than going to ground.



Claridge seeks to banish Ipswich blues

LEICESTER City featured prominently in most pundits' pre-season predictions, usually as the club most likely to prop up the FA Carling Pre-miership. Having taken their place among the elite via the first division play-off final and a dramatic 2-l victory against Crystal Palace, few expected them to survive.

Seven months on, Leicester are in mid-table, not yet comfortable but certainly respectable. They also have a perfect record in knock-out competitions this season, with five wins from five games, and attempt to reach the last four of the Coca-Cola Cup when they take on Ipswich Town in a delayed quarter-final tie at Portman Road tonight.

For Steve Claridge, scorer of the extra-time goal that defeated Palace at Wembley, it is a chance to erase rather more

nths earlier, he had made his debut for Leicester against Ipswich at Portman Road, after moving to Filbert Street

from Birmingham City. "Within 15 minutes we were trailing 3-0," the striker said. "I've been used to making dreadful starts with new clubs, but that was exceptional. We managed to get it back to 3-2 but, in fairness, they murdered us that day and got another goal near the end." Ten days later, Ipswich beat Leicester 2-0 in the return

fixture.

"We are not the kind of side that takes matches lightly, but the fact that Ipswich battered us twice at the end of last season will act as an extra reminder." Claridge said. "We have given ourselves half a chance of getting to Wembley again and, personally, what happened there last May is something I will never forget.

Wimbledon await the winners. They lost 1-0 away to Leicester on Saturday, but turn their attentions to an FA Cup third-round replay against Crewe Alexandra, of the Nationwide League second division, at Selburst Park. Though beaten only twice in 25 matches, they are keen to

'Match-rigging' trial ... Rob Hughes ..

avoid a repetition of their poor display at Filbert Street.

"Leicester deserved to win, we were clinging on near the end." Chris Perry, the Wimbledon defender, said. "We've. not been playing as well as we were a month or so ago, but the morale is still good.

"Perhaps some of us are getting a bit tired. We've had a

une and mayoe its: show. Once we dick again, I'm sure we can put another good run together." The reward for the winners is not inconsiderable: a fourth-round tie against Manchester United at Old Trafford.

Caspian Group, the owner of Leeds United, has made an offer to Leeds City Council to buy the club's Elland Road ground. The local authority purchased the ground in 1985, for £2.5 million, but Caspian is ready to pay double to buy it

Simon Richards, assistant to Robin Launders, the Leeds United chief executive, said: "An offer has been made and we are awaiting a response. I'm not prepared to reveal the price offered, but £5 million is not far wide of the mark." Mick Tait, the Hartlepool

United manager who resigned on Sunday, has been persuad-

after becoming manager over a dispute about plans to scrap the third division dub's youth policy, but withdrew his resig-

nation yesterday.

D. Tommy Burns, the Celtic manager, was banned from the touchline for a year yesterday after a dispute with a referee's assistant during the Old Firm defeat at Celtic Park last November. He also received his second fine of £2,000 this season. Burns pursued the official before being restrained, and was later sent to the stand by

referee Hugh Dallas. Jim Jeffries, the Heart of Midlothian manager, was fined £500 by the same Scottish FA disciplinary committee for comments he made to a referee's assistant during the Coca-Cola Cup final defeat against Rangers at Celtic Park in November.

Relegation under review

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

contractual agreement with

the Premier League and that

cannot be altered without our

permission." Any change would not come into force

until next season at the

The Football Association

has acted swiftly in an attempt

to avoid a repetition of the late

postponements of several FA

Cup ties last week, Supporters

were left frustrated and angry

when games at Brentford,

DISCUSSIONS have taken place between the Football League and the FA Premier League about a possible reduction in the number of clubs relegated from the FA Carling Premiership.

It is believed that the Premier League is seeking a revamped "two-up, down" system, with the Football League clubs being offered compensation if they agree to the move.

Talks are only in the initial stages, with both leagues concerned about the increasingly wide financial gap between the Premiership, which is run by the Premier League, and the Nationwide League, which is run by the Football League. Mike Lee, a Premier League

spokesman, said: "There are a number of matters being considered by the Premier League and the Football League at the moment. The issue of the wealth gap is one of those and, while there are no formal proposals to be considered at Town and West Ham United this stage, discussions are taking place." were called off less than two hours before the scheduled

League clubs are unlikely to Steve Clark, the FA competibe over-enthusiastic about any reduction from the present tions secretary, has written to three-up, three-down system. all the clubs left in the compeunless the compensation packtition, advising them of new age was substantial. guidelines designed to prevent Chris Huli, a Football supporters making pointless League spokesman, said: journeys. He has asked the These discussions are very home clubs to ensure that the match official, or an FA apmuch at the preliminary stage and no formal offer has been pointed referee, inspects the pitch before the likely deparmade. We have a binding

> Pitch inspections should take place the day before the game, if it is felt that the match is in doubt, and clubs have also been directed to monitor the pitch conditions and advise the FA and media of inspections if they are necessary.

Supporters will not be allowed into grounds if there is any chance of the game being called off.

Coventry City, Watford, Luton

Raul recruited by Newcastle

KENNY DALGLISH has lost little time since his appointment as manager in moving to reinforce the Newcastle United defence (Peter Bail writes). Yesterday Raul, the former Portugal Under-21 defender, agreed to join the club until the end of the season. Raul. 22, who plays for

at St James' Park this week.

Whether an inexperienced

to approaches for Blackburn Rovers players looked small yesterday. Blackburn reiterated that no one will leave Ewood Park before the contract of Shay Given, the goalkeeper, expires in the summer and Robert Coar, the chairman. responded coolly to Dalglish's comments about Farense, is expected to arrive

why he left Blackburn. Kenny Dalglish told us at the time that he wanted to step iwn as manager because he

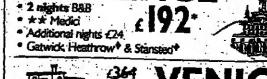
tributed to him in the newspa pers at the weekend are correct, it would appear he has had a change of mind. We can only wonder why, if there was something seriously wrong, he was very happy to remain at the club for so long afterwards."

Jürgen Klinsmann, the Bayern Munich striker, yesterday flew into Glasgow in readiness for matches against Raith, in Fife tonight, and



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